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Arabs Reject UN Truce Order

SAVAGE FIGHTING GOES ON IN JERUSALEM

Lake Success, May 26.—The Arabs rejected tonight a United Nations cease fire order for Palestine. But they asked the Security Council to state promptly whether it could offer any acceptable terms for a political settlement that might stop their war with Jewish Israel in the Holy Land.

The result tonight of long conferences here and at Amman, Trans-Jordan, is that the fighting goes on and the Jews have declared unacceptable the conditions laid down by Arabs for a truce. The Arab countries individually said they could not stop fighting as long as Israel claimed existence as a nation.

They demanded also that the United Nations ban import of arms to the Jews and limit Jewish immigration in Palestine.

The individual replies were considerably sharper than the note to the Security Council from the Arab League chiefs meeting in Amman. Dr. Na'at Al Ash of Iraq read the Arab League reply to the Council. He said the Arabs have no guarantee that the cease fire would stop Zionist violence.

Israel replied—through the Jewish Agency for Palestine—that the Arab answers were a flagrant rejection of the Council's appeal. The Jews said if the Arab states want peace with Israel they can have it and if they want war, they can have it.

Several U.N. delegates construed the Arab replies as constituting defiance of the U.N. order to stop fighting at 5 p.m. GMT today. But Arab sources insisted the Arabs must have concrete, specific proposals for a final settlement before they can talk about stopping the fighting.—Associated Press.

NEGOTIATION OFFER
London, May 26.—The Arabs today offered to negotiate a truce in Palestine in a note to the United Nations Security Council which neither explicitly rejected nor accepted the already expired cease-fire order.

While a Jewish attempt to parachute arms and ammunition to Hagannah and Irgun forces trapped in the Jewish "pocket" inside the Old City of Jerusalem failed, King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan said in Cairo tonight that he would launch his soldiers into battle "to be stopped by a cease-fire order."

His statement, carried in a Cairo Arabic newspaper, added that "we will pursue our struggle."

"The lives of my soldiers are dearer to me and their blood shall not be shed in vain."

Arab League Secretary Azzam Pasha, meanwhile, declared that the battle for Jerusalem would "end in the next few days."

Seaghan Maynes, Reuter's correspondent with the Arab Legion forces

Jews' Sinister Mission

Cairo, May 26.—An official statement issued here tonight said "two Zionists were arrested near the Egyptian Army encampment at Gaza, in southern Palestine, and on being questioned said they had received orders to put typhoid and dysentery microbes into drinking water used by Egyptian troops."

They were said to have put microbes into a well north of Gaza.

Water flasks used for the "operation" were found on one of the arrested men, "while the other confessed he threw a bottle of microbes into the water."—Reuter.

In Jerusalem, meanwhile, described the vain Jewish attempt to relieve trapped Israel forces in the Holy City's Jewish quarter.

Jewish aircraft last night attempted to parachute arms and ammunition to Hagannah and Irgun forces trapped in the Jewish pocket inside the Old City of Jerusalem.

Three parachutes carrying ammunition were dropped, but all fell into Arab positions. Simultaneously, Jewish troops unsuccessfully launched an attack against the Arab-held Zion Gate in the walls of the Old City with the aim of opening an escape corridor through the walls.

LOUDSPEAKER WARNING

In Jerusalem besieged Jews holding on in catcombs last night heard a voice from Arab-held territory booming at them through loudspeakers, warning them to surrender before it is too late.

Jewish fighters, peering from rifle slots in the ancient Notre Dame

Hospice and the modern Barclays Bank, heard the voice address them from Pontius Pilate's Judgment Hall a mile away.

"Jews of Jerusalem," the voice said. "The bodies of some 600 Jews lie at Bab el Wad—roadblock on the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv road. They are dead. They died in a hopeless attempt to break through the iron ring which the Arab Legion flung round Jerusalem."

"Their arms, armoured cars, and equipment have been captured by the Legion. No relief can come to the besieged Jews of Jerusalem. The Jews can spare themselves, their wives and children untold misery and suffering if they surrender. It is open to you to surrender. Do so before it is too late."

For two hours last night, meanwhile, Jerusalem rocked to explosions, shots and barrages, flashes and fires, and in the distance, fires could be seen.

Although the Italian Church clock has lost three of its four faces, it still bravely chimed the quarter hours—though about 10 minutes fast.

The Arab Legion, according to Doon Campbell, Reuter's correspondent, interrupted an SOS from the trapped Jewish forces in the Old City of Jerusalem, saying "we must have help or we will have to surrender."

In response, 1,000 Hagannah men in armoured-plated buses tried unsuccessfully to crash through.

MURDEROUS FIGHTING
The Red Cross conveyed a surrender demand from the Arab Legion commander to 100 Jews holding out in a solid stone building. The Jews refused, and the Arabs then blew up the building with all its defenders. They were close enough to hear the screams of the dying Jews.

Much of the fighting in the Old City is a murderous cat and mouse game. Arab sappers, clearing rubble, suddenly found themselves confronted by a Jewish girl armed with a Sten Gun. She killed three of them.

A Hanagah communique released in Tel-Aviv today claimed that at least 400 Egyptian soldiers were killed during the weekend fighting for the Yad Mordechai settlement in Negev, southern Palestine, which was evacuated by the Jews on Monday. Jewish casualties in the area were 24 killed and 40 wounded, the communique added.—Reuter.

Skipper Charged With Smuggling

Sourabaya, May 26.—Captain T. D. Richards, of the Singapore Motorship Co., 290 tons, appeared before the Magistrate's Court here today, charged with smuggling contraband into Indonesian Republic territory on Sumatra's East Coast.

The contraband consisted of petrol, oil and steel. They were exchanged for palm oil and estate rubber.

Capt. Richards said he was unaware that the goods were contraband, and he did not know that he did not have a permit to enter Netherlands East Indies territorial waters.

He said he thought his employers had received "semi-official" permit. The Coorab was intercepted at Toban and towed here. The ship's Chief Engineer said that Capt. Richards had "most certainly" known about import restrictions. He said that the vessel had also unloaded arms and ammunition in Republican territory.—Reuter.

Trade Unions Protest

London, May 26.—The General Council of Britain's Trade Union Congress, representing 7,000,000 organized workers, today recorded their "emphatic protest" against mass executions in Greece.—Reuter.

Not Expected To Live



BENES GRAVELY ILL

London, May 26.—An official Czechoslovak diplomatic source said today that President Edvard Benes is gravely ill and is not expected to recover.

The informant said that Czechoslovakia's President had a stroke recently.

A spokesman for the Czechoslovak Embassy would make no comment on President Benes' condition beyond saying that the state of his health is "very serious."

President Benes is understood to be suffering from arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries). His first stroke took place last autumn. But he recovered sufficiently to work.

He appeared at a number of public functions, including the funeral of Jan Masaryk, former Czechoslovak Foreign Minister who committed suicide in March.

A leader in his people's long struggle against the rule of the Hapsburgs, this slight, frail man of 64, fought ten years ago against the Munich Pact which gave his country to Hitler.

Since the liberation he has served his people as a timewise counsellor and urged unity for the sake of preserving a sometimes wobbly Coalition government.—Associated Press.

ALL FOR THE SAKE OF A PRETTY GIRL

Oxford, May 26.—Last Saturday undergraduate members of Oxford University's Labour Club voted Miss Anne Whates as the girl for whom they would most willingly jump in the River Isis.

Today six of them did. Hundreds watched as the boys plunged in to repeat a stunt taken from Max Beerbohm's "Zuleika Dobson" of half a century ago.

Lady Margaret Hall wore a gay Edwardian costume for the occasion. She was poled down the river in a gaily decorated punt. After the jumping in, she served rum and cake.

An analysis of the ballots by one newspaper showed that 50 percent of the voters were a bit hazy as to what they were voting for. Ten percent thought they were voting for the girl they would most like to throw in the river; 15 percent thought they were choosing the girl they would most like to jump into the river with.—Associated Press.

GANDHI MURDER SEQUEL

New Delhi, May 26.—Nathuram Godse, and eight other accused, will appear in court on Thursday to answer charges that they killed Mahatma Gandhi as part of a sinister conspiracy.

The nine accused will appear before a special court in the tightly guarded Red Fort of Old Delhi. The session has been convened to accept police charges alleging that the defendants are guilty of murder, conspiracy to murder, and violations of the arms and explosives acts. The date for a start of the summary trial will be fixed by special judge, Atma Charan. The defence is expected to ask for a lengthy adjournment.—Associated Press.

TELEPHONE CO WANTS CHARGES READJUSTED

Negotiations With Government

Negotiations with Government on the question of reasonable adjustment of telephone charges were disclosed at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Telephone Company Ltd held in Exchange Building this morning. The Hon. N. O. C. Marsh (Chairman) presided and revealed that during the past year 3,559 new telephone stations had been installed. The profit on working was \$1,313,466.97.

In seconding the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, Mr. C. E. Terry said it was impossible for any Company to continue to meet dividend commitments from reserves and it was fundamentally unsound that a utility company should be compelled to look to extraneous sources for its revenue through being denied the opportunity of securing it from the service for which it is designed, and which it maintained at a high level of efficiency.

The Chairman said:

Before proceeding to an analysis of the Accounts I would reiterate the remark made by me from the chair at the 18th Annual General Meeting when I stated that direct comparison of the figures presented would not be possible until stabilisation in operation has been achieved over a reasonable period of time. I will, however, as is customary, draw attention to the salient features in the Accounts.

Referring to the credit side of Profit & Loss Account it will be observed that income from "Interest, Dividends & Exchange" is some \$2,317 less than for the preceding year. This is accounted for by the fact that your Directors considered it prudent to realise some of your investments during the financial period under review and the result of this will be made apparent by a glance at the heading "Gains on Realization of Investments." It will be seen that the gain shown against Reserve for Depreciation amounted to \$580,592, to which matter I will refer later when referring to the dividend your endorsement.

On the same heading under "General Account" a gain of \$277,327 is recorded, and you will observe a similar entry on the contra side under "Transfer to Staff Provident Fund." This amount represents a gain on sale of investments taken over from the Provident Fund during the early days of uncertainty after the reoccupation. You should feel the benefit of realisation should fall to the staff, and this is reflected accordingly.

YEARS' NET PROFIT
Continuing our scrutiny of the debit side of Profit & Loss Account, the item "Provision for Claims" in respect to services rendered to your Company where the finalising of such claims had not been concluded at December 31 last. After normal scale as ascertained from the Plant Register, there remains the sum of \$1,102,219, being net profit for the year.

It is my duty here to point out with very particular emphasis that if you subtract the investments of \$580,592 plus the interest on investments of \$109,834 you will find that the legitimate earnings of the business of a telephone operating company of some magnitude amount to the insignificant sum of \$345,787—before the provision as indicated in the Appropriation Account of \$92,643 refer to the purchase of four 577 for Capital Reserve, "Corporation Profits Tax." When these provisions are accounted for the net earnings amount to \$103,210 or roughly 2.5% on the present paid up capital.

In this connection I would remind Shareholders that in my speech from the chair on September 26, 1947 I observed that your Directors were cognizant of the trend which the accounts now portray so well and that they viewed with some anxiety the fact that operating costs were entirely out of line with operating revenue. We had then appealed to Government for increased charges, and I can assure you that your Company has not relaxed its efforts to secure this very necessary tariff adjustment.

It might lend point to my remarks if I make reference here to the circumstances leading to the temporary fixing of telephone charges at the time of the reoccupation of the Colony in August 1945. Your Company was the first utility to take over its business and we were exhorting the Civil Affairs Administration to keep our charges as near pre-war level as possible in order to set an example and to assist them in controlling prices in general. This your Company willingly agreed to on the understanding that if we were to be asked to reduce rates in question were likely to be uneconomic. This recognition was given in a letter from the Administration under date October 1 1945, which stated, inter alia, "You were, however, prepared to co-operate with the Civil Affairs Administration in its attempt to keep down the cost of living on the understanding that the rates authorized were only temporary and that you will expect the full co-operation of Government in arranging an economic rate of operation."

once a reasonable period of working had shown that the present rates were uneconomic."

NO RESULT
Facts and figures have been presented in profusion, but still without result, although it is clear from the negotiations which have taken place that Government recognises the necessity for rate adjustment. It is hoped, however, that the authorities will now be taken by the authorities concerned of the remarks I have just made—supported as they are by the figures now presented to you.

It is surely inconceivable that the intention is to make it economically impossible to maintain the high standard of service now being rendered, and also to make it equally impossible to develop your system as to take care of future expansion. It does not appear to be sufficiently appreciated that the telephone business which so essentially calls for long-term planning must have adequate financial resources if the best interests of the community are to be served.

In the meantime, I can assure Shareholders that very effort is being exerted to maintain the service at the high standard which has come to be associated with your undertaking, and at the same time to continue your Directors' policy of planning in advance to take care of future requirements.

REALISTIC VIEW NEEDED

You will, however, agree with me, I think, when I state that a policy such as I have just outlined cannot be sustained indefinitely unless a realistic view is taken of the factors of increased operating costs and the adjustment of rates to which your Company is so obviously entitled. It is arranged for without further delay. I might add here that one of the most important factors of governing the stabilisation of your business under inadequate charges has been the conservative policy adopted by your Company since its inception. Subscribers—many of whom contributed nothing to the part—are now reaping the benefit of this but, of course, it will be impossible to carry on along these lines indefinitely.

Turning now to the Balance Sheet, the Fixed Assets do not yet fully reflect the capital commitments which have been entered into, but you will observe the note made by your Auditors to the effect that these now amount to some \$5,800,000.

STAFF QUARTERS

Under "Lands & Buildings" the additions during the year of \$200,643 refer to the purchase of four flats on Bowen Road for staff quarters. This provision has done much to relieve the acute situation which prevailed in respect to suitable living accommodation for your Engineering Staff. The figure of \$337,414 under "Payments on account of New Property" represents advances for the purchase of building materials for the Company's (Continued on Page 3)

Chile May Purchase The Ajax

London, May 26.—The Admiralty said today that negotiations are proceeding for the sale of the British cruiser Ajax to the Chilean Government.

Officials emphasised, however, that negotiations have not progressed further than quoting the price for the 6,985-ton cruiser in response to an inquiry from Chile. "It does not follow that this quotation will induce the Chileans to purchase the vessel," they said.

It will be recalled that Ajax and her sister ship, Achilles—both veterans of the British Naval victory in the Plate River battle against the German battleship Graf Spee—were previously earmarked for transfer to the Indian Navy and it is not known whether this proposal has yet been altered or abandoned.

NOTABLE WAR SERVICE

The London Times Naval correspondent commented today that the Ajax has "a high place in the British peoples' affections" by reason of her notable war service.

She must be disposed of, they would welcome her transfer to a service whose role is as close and cordial as those of the Chilean Navy. On the other hand they will remember Chile's annexation of British territory in the Antarctic proclaimed by President Videl on February 23 this year—a marked departure from the earlier cordiality which might well affect the willingness of the British people to assist building up Chile's naval strength.

Oppose Increase In Jap Whalers

London, May 26.—Norway, Britain, Australia and New Zealand have objected to a proposed increase in the number of Japanese whalers operating this season, but they have not proposed that Japan should be excluded from future whaling expeditions. It was learned from an authoritative source here today.

They said this season other whaling powers could easily meet the full international whaling quota without Japanese assistance.—Reuter.

FINLAND'S FIVE-DAY CRISIS RESOLVED

Helsinki, May 26.—President J. Paasikivi today ended Finland's five-day-old political crisis by appointing People's Democrats (Communist-Socialist coalition) to two vacant ministries.

He appointed M. Eino Kilpi, belonging to the Socialist Wing of the People's Democrats, as Minister of the Interior in place of M. Y. Leino, Communist holder whom the President dismissed last Saturday after Parliament had censured his policy.

M. Kilpi is also Education Minister. A former assistant to M. Leino, he was expelled from the Social Democratic Party yesterday for deciding to stand as a People's Democrat candidate in the July General Elections.

Both he and Premier Juho Paasikivi were offered the Interior post yesterday, but refused.

President Paasikivi also appointed M. Y. Leino, Communist Chairman of the People's Democratic Parliamentary group, as Minister without Portfolio, a post vacant since the previous Minister some time ago was named Finnish Minister to Switzerland.

The People's Democrats, demanding the appointment of two

EDITORIAL

Ex-Gratia Payments

THERE was clearly a considerable amount of official satisfaction contained in yesterday's replies to Mr. d'Almeida's questions concerning the Colony's war debts and the proposed manner in which the Imperial Government's £1,000,000 gift was to be employed. But whether that satisfaction will find reflection with the general public is debatable. At first sight, Government is to fulfil its obligations to those people who, although not interned during the occupation, deserve recognition of their services during the hostilities with the civil, military and naval defence forces. Roughly 60 percent of the £1,000,000 grant is to be expended on reimbursing them. Nevertheless, there are so many strings attached that it is painfully obvious many will receive but a fraction of their ex-gratia payments. Once again, too, Government has adopted a form of discrimination which so irritates the ordinary citizen. Government servants will share the bulk of the nine and a half million dollars allocated as back pay, not so much because they form the greater part of those qualifying, but because the individual reimbursements are so much more generous than for the private claimant. Against the arrears of pay from December 7 to December 25 and from three months ex-gratia payment for civil defence workers, volunteers and Naval Volunteers, the monthly paid Government servant is to be given an ex-gratia payment of half-pay for the whole of the

occupation period, equivalent to 22 months' salary. There is serious disproportion here, likely to leave a sour taste in the mouths of non-government servants. That demands exist in this scheme to pay off war obligations is undeniable, but it does possess the virtue of constituting something of an effort to discharge a debt of honour, and for this it is welcome. Equitably speaking, it can hardly be regarded as a payment in full, and Government must not be surprised if reactions are not entirely favourable. Apart from the announcement of ex-gratia payments to individuals, the rest of the reply to Mr. d'Almeida's questions is highly illuminating. In effect the Colony has, by adding the £1,750,000 gift from the Imperial Government to the anti-elated revenue surplus for the 1947/8 financial year, placed the Colony in a position to free itself from virtually all war debts. About \$48,000,000 can be paid forthwith, leaving a credit balance of \$10,000,000. Against this remains an outstanding \$25,000,000 for claims in respect of requisitioned material. That Government is able to disclose such a satisfactory position less than three years after the war is remarkable, more especially in view of the buoyancy of its current finances. It is to be hoped that Whitehall takes note of the position and is now willing to surrender its control over our expenditure originally imposed because of our indebtedness to the Imperial Treasury. We are surely entitled to be freed of this irksome restriction.

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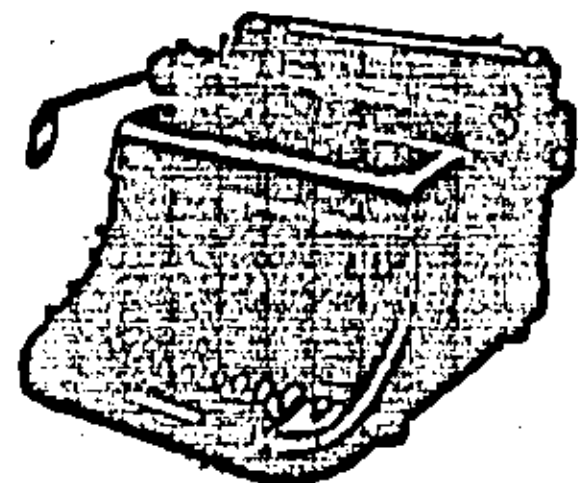
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Brain Test

By HERMAN N. RUNDSEN, M.D.

FEW of us realize it, but we all have our own private radio broadcasting stations. The brain—station YOU—is constantly sending out waves of electrical energy in very much the same way that a broadcasting station transmits sound waves.

Just as your radio set at home can pick up broadcasts, so we now have an instrument, called the electro-encephalograph, which can record the waves from the human brain and make a tracing of them. This has been found extremely helpful in establishing the correct diagnosis of certain mental and nervous disturbances. Of course, it requires expert knowledge to interpret these tracings, after they have been made.

Brain Test

In making the tracing, the patient either lies or sits relaxed, with the eyes closed. Drowsiness must be avoided since sleep produces changes in the waves which may be difficult to distinguish from those produced by abnormal conditions.

The patient should breathe briskly and deeply for about three minutes, since this will help to bring out any abnormalities in the brain waves. However, the use of such drugs as sedatives or quieting preparations may mask abnormal waves.

Abnormal Waves

It has been found that abnormal waves will occur in about nine out of ten persons who are suffering from epilepsy, a condition in which there is loss of consciousness, sometimes accompanied by convulsions or spasms.

It has also been noted that the parents or near relatives of epileptics frequently have abnormal brain waves. For this reason it has been suggested that patients with such abnormal brain waves may well avoid having children.

Attacks of epilepsy may also be differentiated from hysteria by means of the brain waves. In hysteria, a condition in which there is a variety of symptoms caused by mental strain, abnormal waves do not occur. In narcolepsy, however, a condition in which the patient suffers from excessive sleepiness, the brain waves are abnormal.

Now and then migraine headaches may be due to changes in the brain which can be detected by electrical tracing of the brain waves. It is also possible to determine, in some cases, just where a tumor growth in the brain is located by means of the electro-encephalograph. Changes in personality may follow brain inflammation, and in chorea or St. Vitus Dance disturbances of the electrical waves from the brain occur. Electro-encephalography may also be helpful in making such diagnoses.

Make Your Home Gay With... LATIN-AMERICAN CHARM

By ELEANOR ROSS

A BEAUTIFUL job of translating the colour and charm of Latin-America can be accomplished. A profusion of brightly-coloured pottery, patio furniture, table mats, cloths, hand-blown glassware, and other items makes the centre somewhat like one of those colourful, glowing South American markets that are such a tourist attraction.

The price range is nice and wide, pieces offering much beauty plus utility, not to mention charm.

At Any Season

Just a glance at the array suggests the porch, the garden and summer table settings, but many of the pieces would be at home at any season of the year and in the most formal of settings. Of course, peasant crafts are highlighted, but there are many individual pieces very different from the peasantry pieces that so many tourists tote home.

Craftsmen from Puebla in Mexico are responsible for a traditional tableware set. Inspired by a table and brought to Mexico three

centuries ago, the designs have been embellished with Mexican motifs. The Plumbed Bird and the feathered pattern are cobalt blue on white.

Vivid Blue

Mention of that vivid blue recalls a stunning array of glass, including bowls, decanters, vases, tumblers and stemware. Available in other colours too, it is the cobalt blue that is the eye-catcher.

Simple cylindrical vases that, when wired would make lovely lamps, are featured vases or lamps, that would add an exquisite touch of colour to any room. We don't know when we've seen such clear, beautiful, colourful glassware.

Bright with colour, too, and most practical is the red-glazed earthenware. Into the oven go these flame-proof pieces and then onto the table with their toothsome contents. There are red earthenware jugs, too, some with mugs that fit over the neck to add as stoppers; a set would be a nice gift, we think, as would a set of red earthenware plaques, perfect for a garden house or informal porch room. Pretty for a terrace or garden, too, would be pottery that has vivid and mostly traditional hand-painted decorations on an unglazed surface. Vivid reds, greens and blues accented with white would add a spot of cheer on even the duller day, and would look lovely in the kitchen.

Porch Furniture

There is a fine collection of pieces perfect for porch furniture, with a good showing of traditional Mexican pieces of split cedar slats and pigskin.

The rugs are fascinating, ideal for wall decoration and for throws. There are modestly-priced cotton affairs and there is a whole of an expensive vicuna rug from Peru. For realism, a rug-weaver from Bogota, capital of Colombia, plies his craft and shows how swiftly and beautifully a hand-loom can be worked.

On hand, too, is a collection of hand-carved wood figurines from Brazil that are hard to resist.

Fashion Note From Britain

Sailor hats have swept feminine Britain by storm, according to the "Fashion Trade Weekly." One reason for this is their versatility, for they appear in any number of versions and materials, from felt or straw to striped cotton, with wide or narrow brims and deep or shallow crowns. For the simplest types, ribbon or feather trimmings are most popular, but when a woman really wants to dress up she piles on the flowers and adds veiling swathed round the hat and often tied under the chin. Hugh Beresford, one of London's milliners has entered the mass production field very successfully with a "Town and Country" series of hats which are being sold through the stores. Many of these are flower-trimmed coarse straw in natural, light brown, black, navy and scarlet. The older woman prefers his hats with flat-crowns and wide brims, since these fashion points add elegance, and she is prepared to accept marguerites, cornflowers or lilacs-of-the-valley as a trimming, massed so high in front that the hat seems almost top-heavy.

Worn straight on the head some of these models show more brim width at front or sides than at the back and brims are here alternatively quite straight or rolled slightly at the sides.

A Blithe Blouse



By ALICE ALDEN

A COUPLE of days and evening skirts teamed with a complement of white blisse, low of neck and ment of blouses is a good method of dodging the wardrobe budget blues that so often beset the teen-agers. Margaret Pennington is the designer

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For the Record

By Fred Harman



Is Your Hair Neurotic?



A kit that holds miniature hairbrush, comb, clothes brush has a separate compartment for billfold and change purse.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IS your hair neurotic? Does it have tantrums? Does it refuse to go the way you want it to go? Some tresses are amiable and agreeable; others are not. If you have a fussy topknot there are ways of disciplining it. Usually the mop with the bad disposition is dry and crisp. All right. When you brush it put a little brillian-
tine on the bristles of the brush. That'll fix it. Also, the oil or cream shampoo may be more agreeable than soap.

The hair and the scalp should be kept scrupulously clean. To postpone the shampoo date is a mistake. There was a time when women believed that the hair should not be washed frequently. That notion, like a lot of other silly ones, has gone by the board. The hair is the class, setting lotion many not be necessary.

Remove Dust
If you wash your own hair, start with a rousing rinsing with the bath spray to remove surface dust. Apply the shampoo and maul your head to beat the band so as to distribute the suds. Use the spray again. This method works very well when the hair is excessively oily. Do this three times.

Since the finger wave became a beauty institution, hair brushing has been neglected by many women. Brushing has a tonic effect. It tugs on the roots of the hair, has a slightly vitalizing effect upon the blood streams in the papillae in which the shafts rest. It helps to remove dead scales from the scalp.

If you set your own hair, do your tress ends in pin curls, be careful not to use too heavy a setting lotion that will dry the hair, cause the ends to break. If the permanent is first perfect dust catcher. Besides, it carries debris exuded by the sweat

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Shadows Meet a Real Indian

—He Jumped Out of a Book When Punch Called—

By MAX TRELL

"I WISH I was an Indian," Knarf the shadow-boy with the turned-around name, remarked to his sister Hanid.

Hanid, who was sitting in a corner, reading a book, looked up with a puzzled expression. "Why?" she asked.

"Indians had lots of fun," said Knarf. "They hunted in the woods, they went fishing in the lakes, they cooked their food over big fires. And then, before they went to bed, they all sat around the fire and told stories."

A Real Indian
Just then Mr. Punch, who had been listening from his chair by the window, interrupted to say: "How would you like to talk to a real Indian, Knarf? He can tell you all about it."

Knarf said he would like to talk to a real Indian. But where was there a real Indian to talk to? At this Mr. Punch turned toward the bookcase and gave a low chirp, like the sound made by a cricket.

The next instant, to the utter astonishment of Knarf and Hanid, an Indian boy jumped out of one of the books. He ran over to Knarf and Hanid and smiled and said: "Kou-ee!"

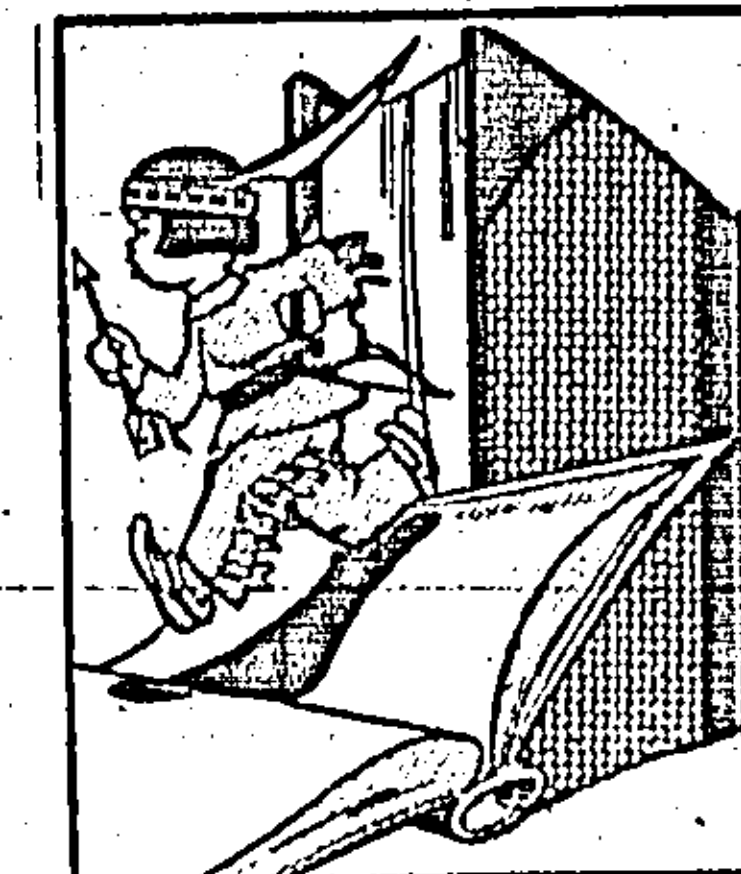
"Kou-ee!" said Mr. Punch, answering for Knarf and Hanid, who didn't know what to say. Mr. Punch turned to the two shadow-children.

"Kou-ee means hello in the Indian language. This Indian boy's name is 'Hiawatha.' Then Mr. Punch turned to Hiawatha and said: 'Here are Knarf and Hanid. Knarf just said he would like to be an Indian. I told him you would tell him how you like being Indian very much.'"

Hiawatha answered. "See! I knew it was fun being an Indian!" Knarf shouted joyfully. "Not always fun," said Hiawatha. "Not?"

"Sometimes much hard work. Many times hungry. Many times far away from warm campfire. Yes, many times very hungry."

"But I don't see why you should ever be hungry," Knarf said. "You can always go hunting, and trapping and fishing!"



The Indian jumped out of a book.

Hiawatha smiled. "Many deer and rabbits and beavers in forest. But not always easy to find them. Indian must search for them long time. Indian must follow their trail. Maybe go far away from camp, and walk many miles in cold and rain, and sleep in forest all alone."

"Oh," said Knarf.

Without A Sound
"Then," Hiawatha continued, "when Indian find where animal is, he must come very close.... creep up without making any sound. For deer and rabbits and beavers have very sharp ears. Indian is smart hunter. But animals are smart, too. They can run fast. They can hide. Even when Indian hunter find them, he cannot always catch them. Some, times takes many days and nights."

Then Hiawatha smiled. "But when Indian hunter catch animal and bring him back to camp, then big feast! Then everybody happy. Then nobody hungry. Then Indians sit around fire and tell wonderful stories!"

After Hiawatha took his leave and returned to the bookcase and disappeared inside one of the books, Knarf wasn't too sure he still wanted to be an Indian. But he was delighted to meet Hiawatha. He wanted to see him again. He had many, many more questions to ask him.

Tips For Teener Speech-Making

(Cont. From Yesterday)

4. If you lack ideas or information read enough to "get you going" by consulting books you think will aid you, encyclopedias, bulletins. The Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature gives references, both under the names of authors of magazine articles in leading publications both current and past. Special books on your subject can be found at the library through the card catalogue or the librarian will help you.

5. After you have all the ideas on the subject that you need, outline your speech in simple form, like this:

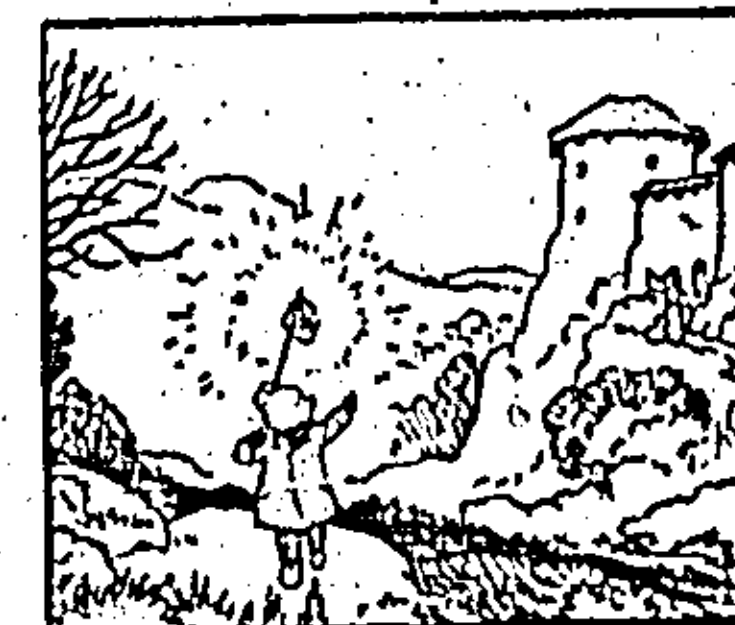
Introduction. One sentence is enough.

Body. A paragraph for each section of the subject or a single word to suggest the logically order of treatment.

Conclusion. In some cases a single sentence is sufficient; in other cases a summing up in a few forceful words.

Study the address and then copy the outline of it in large legible writing or in typewriting upon a card small enough to hold in the palm of the hand. If your speech is not perfectly memorized, or if stage fright makes you forgetful, the card will keep the remarks in the logical order that makes them most interesting, and, although you may not say them exactly as you wrote them, you will be more likely to stay on the right track because you have carefully prepared them and have notes to remind you.

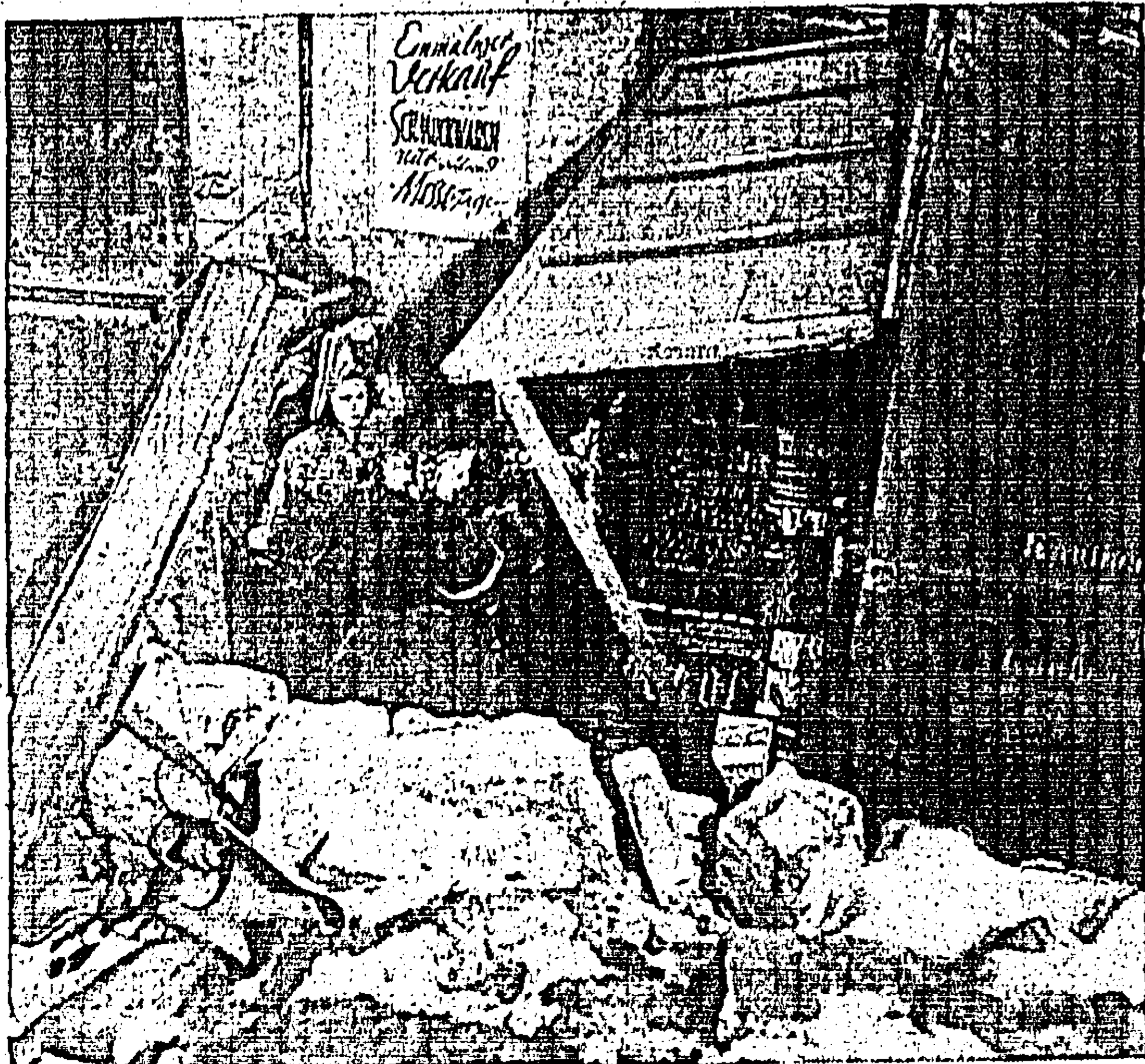
Rupert helps Dr. Lion—48



Next morning most of the snow has melted and Rupert prepares for his final walk home. "You must come and see me again some day, little bear," says the Wise Old Goat, "and tell me if this bottled sunshine really does help Dr. Lion to cure the sick people in your village." He goes out and waves goodbye as Rupert carries the pole with the sun-bottles in their string bag over his shoulder. "I'll go to the Professor's house first," thinks the little bear.

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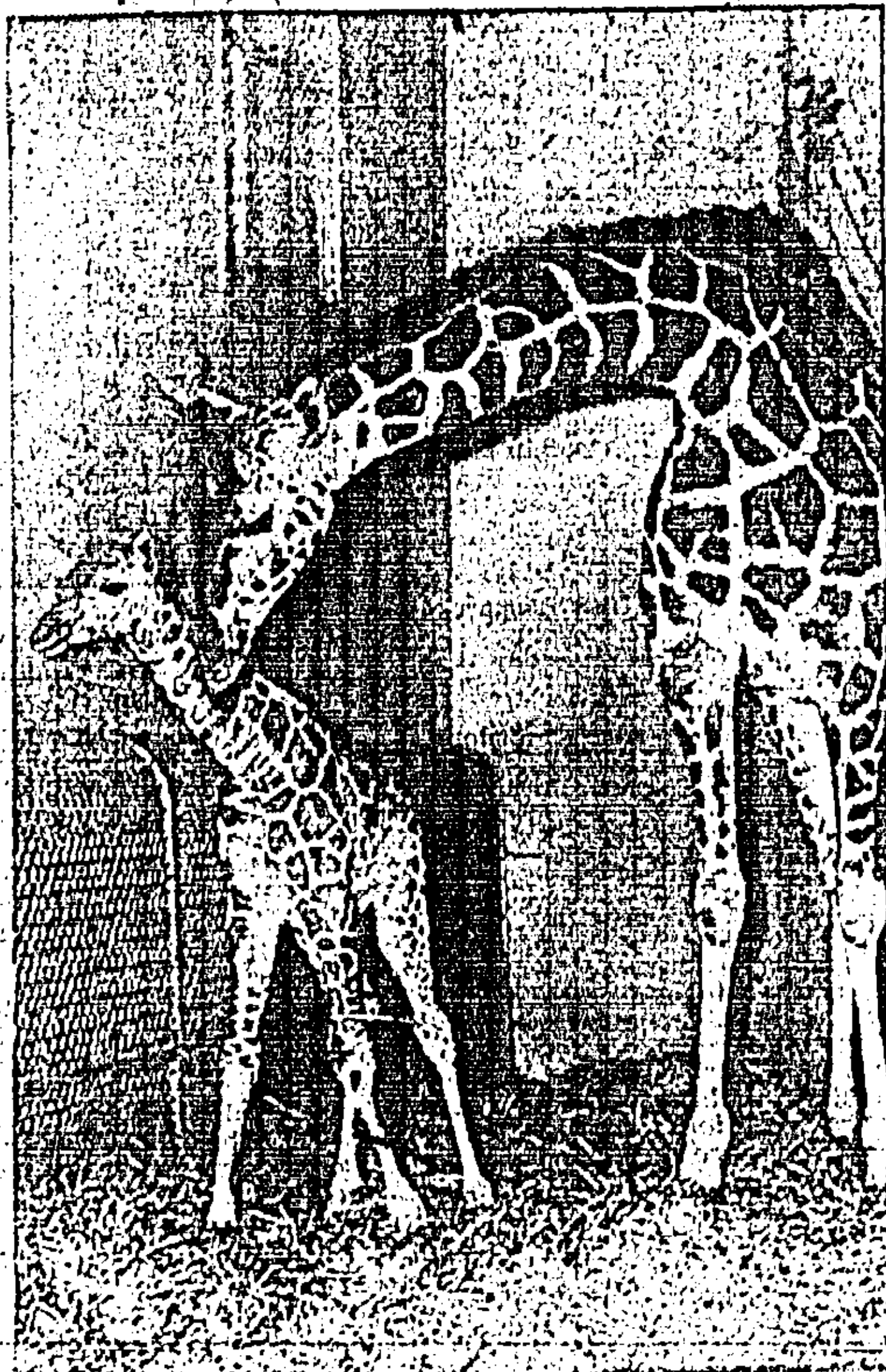
LEIPZIG FAIR—For a brief period of five days, the Russian Iron curtain was lifted in the Soviet zone of Germany, and Germans from the four zones mingled at the Leipzig Fair. Stalls like this Jeweller's, tucked among bomb rubble, did a big business at legitimate prices.



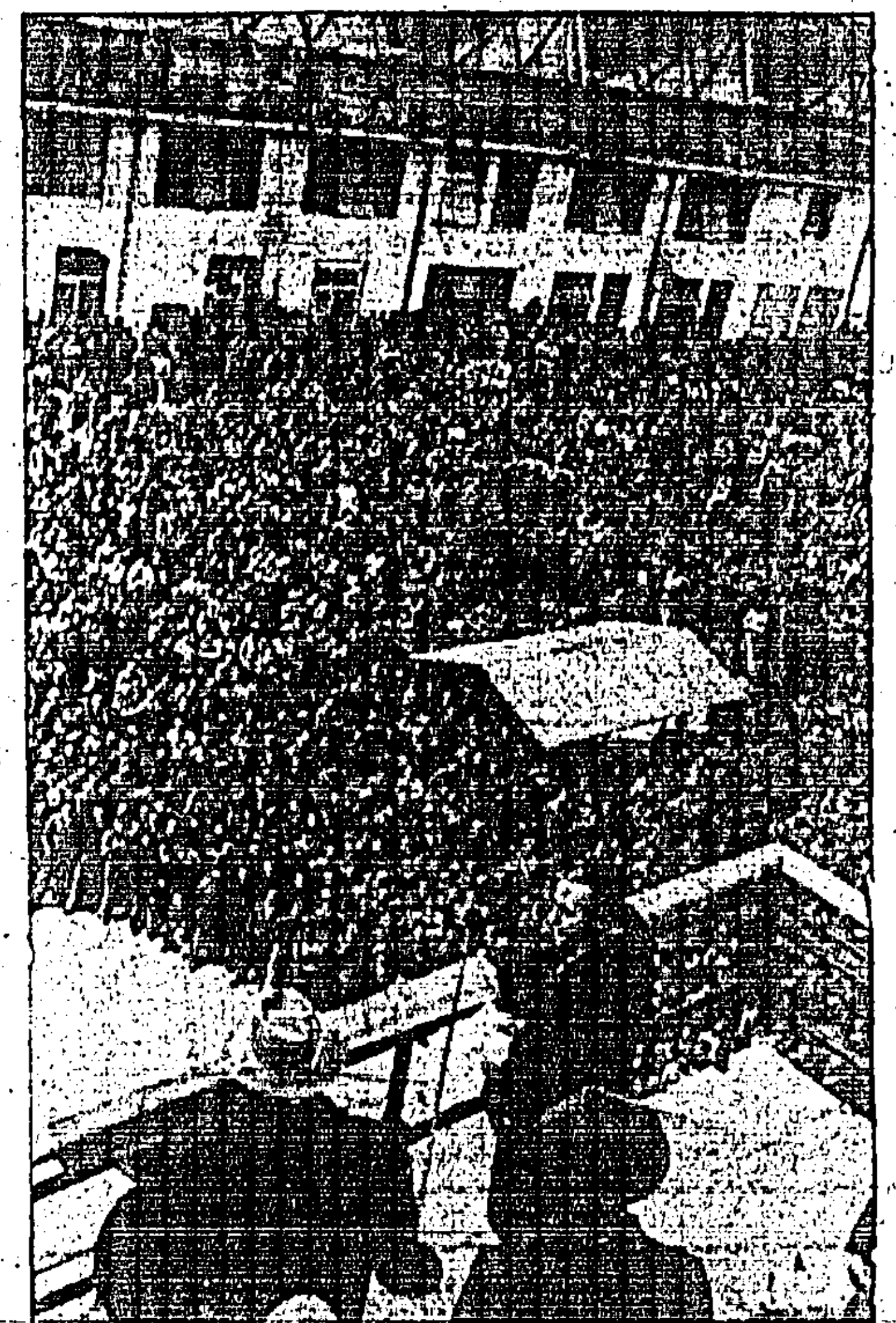
HOME ECONOMICS OF NEW GUINEA—Two Australian girls were among the scientists who have just completed a study of the eating habits of New Guinea natives. From headquarters at Lae, they went to inland villages where they found yams, taro and sago palm the staple foods, with sago grubs for an occasional delicacy. Doreen Langley, one of the nutritionists, above, gets a lesson in cooking yams, sweet potatoes and green papaws, native style. The native women at right are filling their yam house with a six months' supply. The group has returned to the Institute of Anatomy in Canberra, Australia, where they will report on their findings.



HOSPITAL BURNS—Flames roar through the main building of the Highland Hospital for Nervous Diseases in Asheville, North Carolina. Nine women patients died in the fire; three others were injured. Among those killed were Mrs F. Scott Fitzgerald, widow of the famous novelist.



MOTHER'S CARE—On her feet 45 minutes after birth, Borky, latest addition to Milwaukee's Washington Park Zoo, navigates uncertainly. Momba, the mother, is on hand to supervise daughter's first contact with the world.



A MESSAGE FROM THE U.S.—U.S. Ambassador to Italy James C. Dunn, at microphone, addresses a group of shipyard workers in Monfalcone, Italy, at the inauguration of a plan to refit two ships returned to Italy by the U.S. Ambassador Dunn said the ships would "provide the Italian people with the means of restoring an economy of peace."

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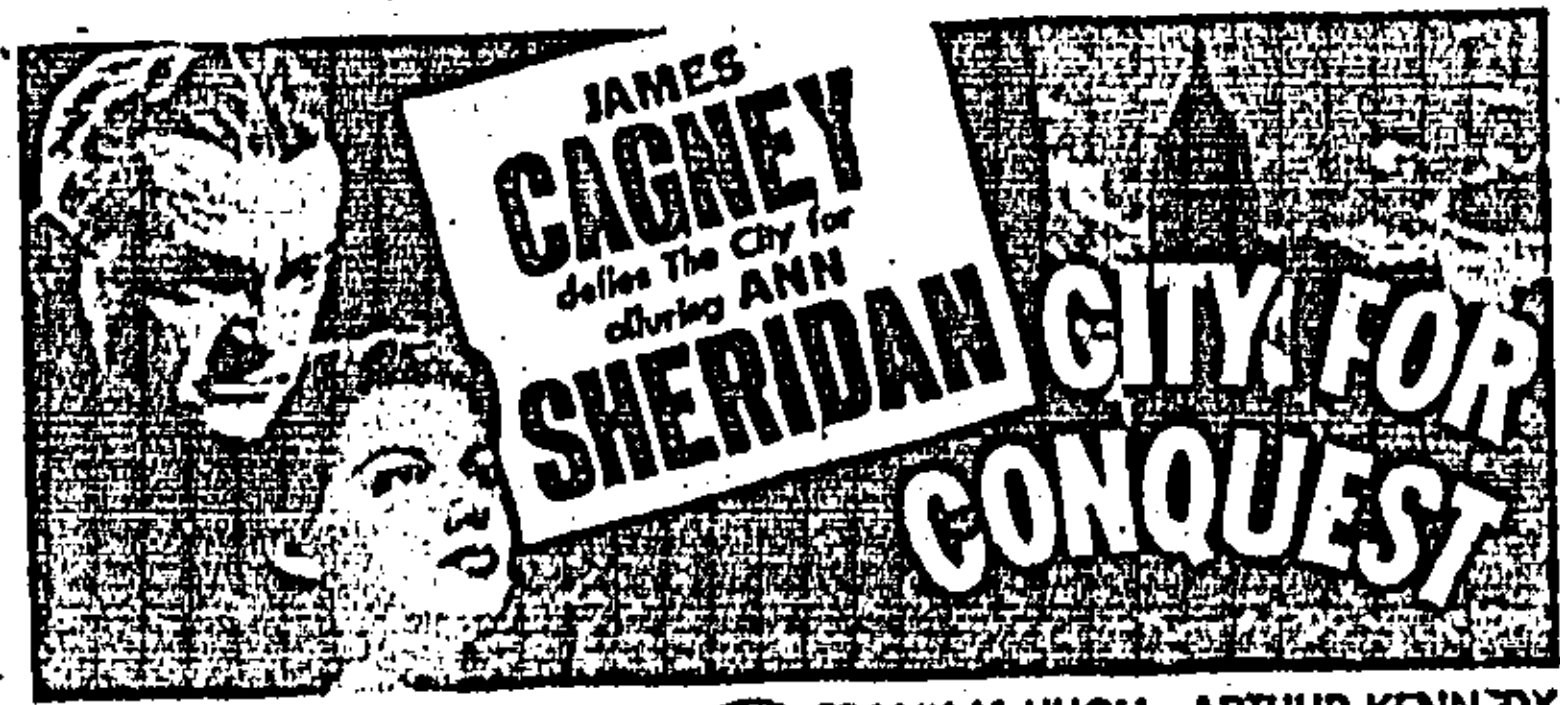
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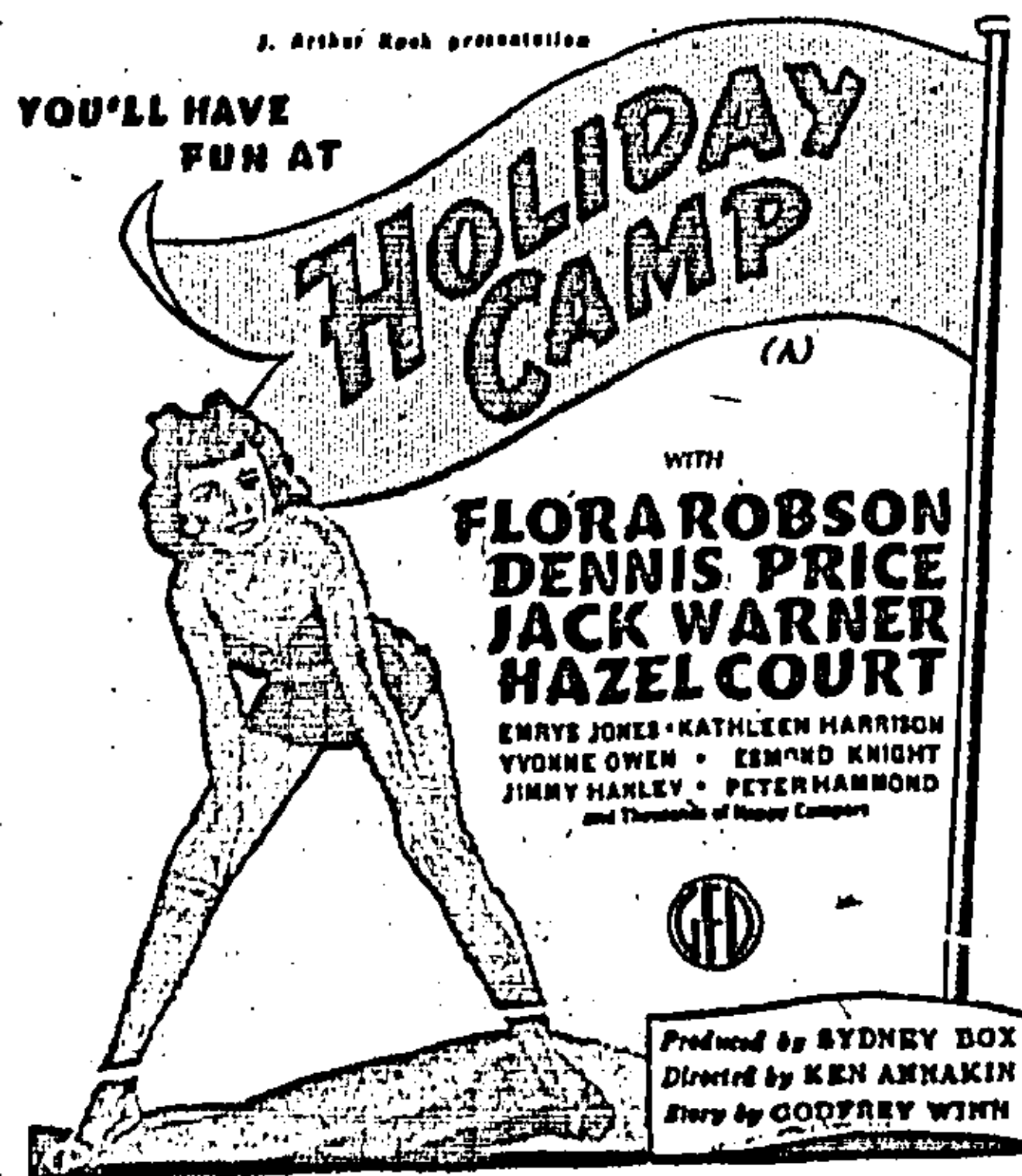


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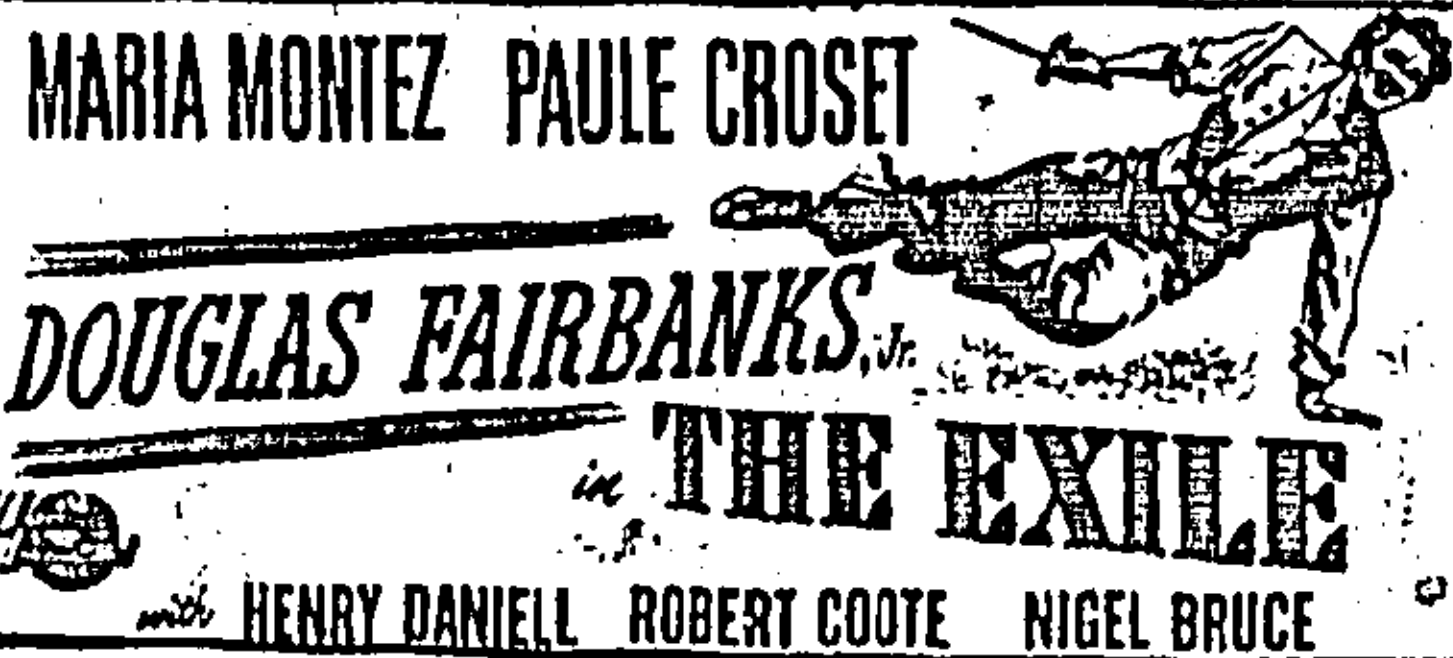
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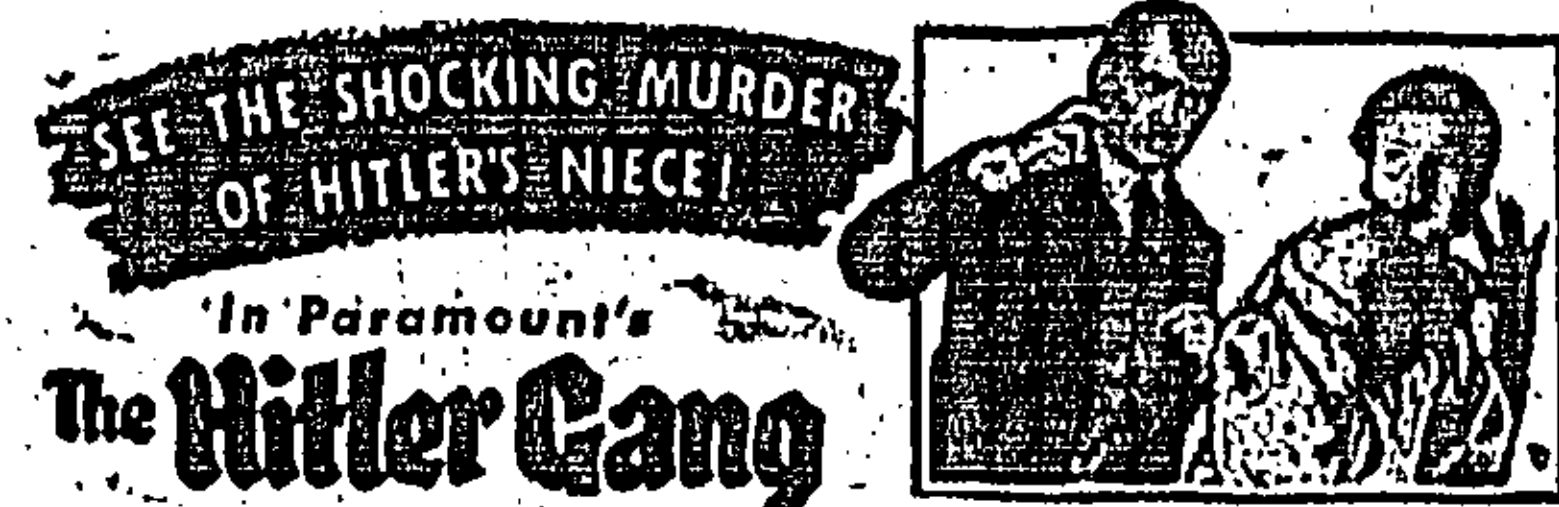
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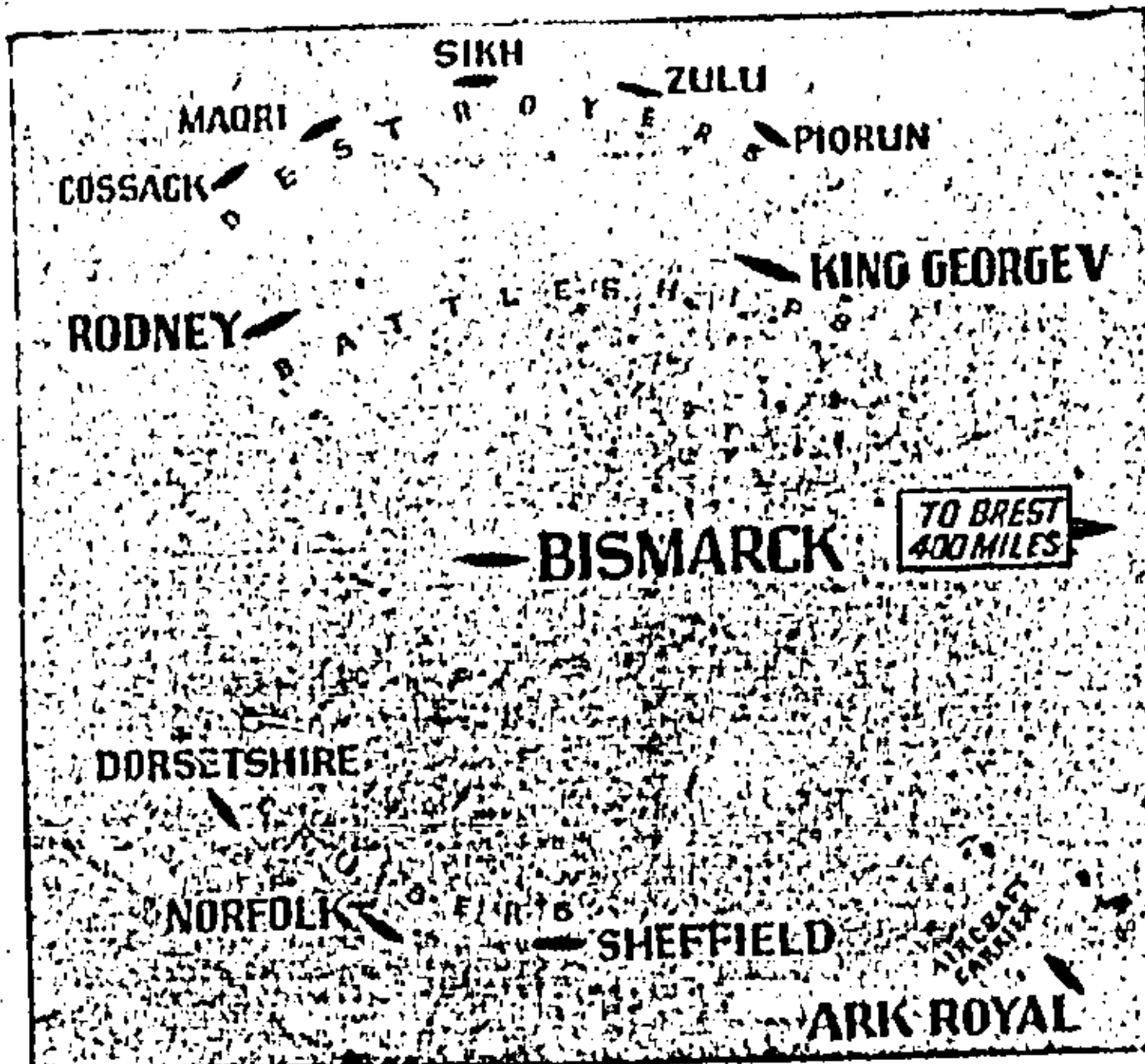
HOW WE SANK
THE BISMARCK

On May 27, seven years ago, Germany's greatest battleship, the Bismarck, was sunk in the Atlantic on her first and last cruise. This is the story of the battle told by the officer who commanded the cruiser which fired the final torpedoes into her.

The Bismarck, pride of the German Navy, was launched at Hamburg in the presence of Hitler on February 14, 1939. The commerce-raiding cruise on which she was sunk began on May 19, 1941. On this raid she sank the British battle cruiser Hood, but was never able to sink a single merchantman.

Accompanied by the cruiser Prinz Eugen, and under the command of Captain Lindemann with Admiral Lutjens on board, she was spotted, and hunted from the moment she left the Norwegian fiord into which she had slipped from Germany, and early in the morning of May 24 H.M.S. Hood forced her into battle.

by REAR-ADMIRAL
SIR BENJAMIN MARTIN, D.S.O.



In this diagram are warships present at the trapping and sinking of the Bismarck.

THE Hood, commanded by Captain Ralph Kerr, CBE, made contact at 5.53 and with the 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales closed to engage. Action was joined at a range of about 13 miles. Hood, according to the Bismarck's prisoners, fired first, the salvo going over. A second salvo from Hood fell short, but the third hit, and three shells struck the Bismarck. One shell entered the port side, above the water line, and exploded on the starboard side, making a six-foot hole under the water. About 3,000 tons of water entered the ship, and tons of fuel were lost.

The second shell struck on the port beam below the water. The third passed over the deck, carrying away many boats. Meanwhile the Bismarck had opened fire on the Hood with her armour-piercing shell, and with great accuracy. The first salvo was 100 yards short, but the second straddled and hit.

SANK IN 4 MINUTES
The third salvo again straddled and hit, and a fire broke out in the Hood's port battery and spread to the mainmast.

There was a huge explosion between the after funnel and the mainmast, and the ship blew up and sank in four minutes.

First round to the Bismarck. The Prince of Wales was next hit. Everybody on the compass platform was killed except the captain.

He decided to break off the action temporarily to reorganise his bridge. The Bismarck made no attempt to retain contact, a mistake many think.

There was jubilation in the Bismarck when the sinking of the Hood was announced, and Hitler conferred the Knight's Insignia of the Iron Cross on the first gunnery officer.

The chase continued south-west, the Prince of Wales joining the cruisers Norfolk and Suffolk in shadowing.

Here there appears to have been an argument in the ship between Admiral Lutjens and Captain Lindemann.

Lindemann, according to one prisoner, suggested putting back to Bergen. He was overruled.

The Prinz Eugen was ordered to part company, while the Bismarck went south.

At 6.47 p.m. on the same day the Prince of Wales again engaged briefly at long range.

Now the aircraft carrier Victorious approached. A torpedo attack was launched by seven Swordfish aircraft supported by five Fulmar monoplane.

One hit was scored on the starboard side against the armour plating, but did not penetrate. One man was killed in the Bismarck.

A tremendous barrage was put up, according to one man, up to 50,000 rounds being fired.

Our pilots' courage astonished the men in the Bismarck. One aircraft, after being hit, tried to get into position to release its torpedo before plunging to destruction.

The Bismarck broke away to the west, worked round the stern of her shadowers and set a course for France. She had a start of about 100 miles. Her speed was reduced to 22 knots.

EXPECTED AIR ATTACK
The Rodney, called up from the south-east, seemed to have a reasonable chance of intercepting, and the battle cruiser Renown and aircraft carrier Ark Royal were instructed to move up into the Bay of Biscay.

On the morning of May 23, Admiral Lutjens told his crew that the British would be able to concentrate their ships and force an action.

It was, he said, up to the crew to be true to the death to the Fuehrer. If the worst came the Bismarck must be scuttled.

Incorrect information from shore bases, made worse by a clerical error in transmission, now resulted in the Bismarck losing half a day on her course.

One prisoner said this lost half-day made all the difference between disaster and safety. I am inclined to agree.

At 10.30 a.m. the day after, the Bismarck was again sighted, this time by a Catalina aircraft. She was alone and about 550 miles west of Land's End.

On receiving the Catalina's signal the British circle of ships at once shaped course to intercept the enemy.

My ship, the cruiser Dorsetshire, was 600 miles to the south-west, escorting a convoy from Freetown.

I had to decide whether I should go for the Bismarck or continue with my convoy.

But I knew when the Germans start running they run hard. I felt, therefore, that my convoy was in no danger from the Bismarck or Prinz Eugen, and I decided to go for the Bismarck.

Fuel shortage was causing anxiety in our battleships. The battleship King George V, now in the chase, had only 32 per cent, left, and the Rodney reported that she would have to part company next morning.

Several U-boats were in the area, and the Admiralty had indicated that heavy attack from the air was to be expected.

It was therefore, essential to allow a sufficient reserve of fuel to enable the battleships to reach home ports at reasonably high speed.

Bismarck also was short of fuel. She had left home 2,000 tons down (a grave error); a further 1,000 tons, it was estimated, had become useless following the Hood action.

It was, therefore, improbable that more than 500 tons remained. Barely sufficient to steam to Brest.

Optimistic rumours swept through the Bismarck. A large flight of German bombers and a swarm of U-boats were coming.

An SOS for fuel was sent out and a reply received that a tanker had already sailed.

A full gale was blowing from the south-west, and heavy seas were running.

A first air striking force from the Ark Royal failed to find the Bismarck.

A second force, 15 Swordfish with torpedoes, was sent in. First reports said no hits; but the Bismarck suddenly turned north.

Two, and possibly three, hits had been made. One torpedo hit the starboard quarter and wrecked the steering gear, jamming the rudders and causing the Bismarck to turn slowly in large circles.

PLIGHT WAS DESPERATE
The method of attack—approaching simultaneously from a number of points—was deadly.

Whichever way the Bismarck turned she was exposed.

No aircraft was lost, and only one pilot and one air gunner wounded. Those in the Bismarck knew that the plight of the ship was desperate.

It was announced that the man who succeeded in freeing the rudders would be given the Knight's Insignia of the Iron Cross and they managed to centre one rudder, the other remaining jammed.

With the heavy swell, the Bismarck began to roll, making gun-laying difficult.

Gun crews, who had been almost continuously on watch since Bergen, were becoming exhausted. One man went insane.

They now tried to steer the ship by her engines, but soon, instead of going on her south-easterly course, she was actually north-west of her position.

The captain, asked by the engineer commander whether he should attempt to blow off the jammed rudder with an explosive charge, replied: "Do what you like. I have finished with it."

HIS REPLY TO HITLER
In the midst of this uproar a signal arrived from Hitler: "All our thoughts are with our victorious comrades."

To this the admiral replied: "Ship unmanoeuvrable. We shall fight to the last shell."

The Bismarck's speed was now not more than 10 to 12 knots.

She continued on her erratic course during the night, firing intermittent salvos at our destroyers.

An announcer tried to bolster morale by making such statements as: "One destroyer hit, burning, sinking," followed by "Two destroyers hit, burning, sinking." And "A large ship hit, burning, sinking."

No British ship was hit during this night.

The crew were alarmed, and a message was passed from the admiral to the captain:—

"Please inform crew that early in the morning 81 Junkers-87 aircraft will join us in addition to two tugs and one tanker. The U-boats have received orders to close with the Bismarck; the K-1 has already arrived."

Whether this was true or not has never been discovered.

The admiral did, however, appear to have revived spirits, for one prisoner wrote in his diary: Everyone is now eagerly awaiting the aircraft promised by the Fuehrer."

It is interesting to note the childlike faith the crew had in Hitler. No German destroyers ever left Brest, and their Air Force was grounded by weather.

Five days and nights with little or no sleep had exhausted the Bismarck's crew. All over the ship men were asleep.

The scene on the bridge before dawn was described by an officer: "The navigating officer and the senior Met. officer lay at their stations like dead men."

The helmsman stretched beside the useless wheel. There was no sign of Captain Lindemann, nor any officer of the admiral's staff. The ship's company, says this prisoner, were now past caring.

Between six and seven on the morning of May 27 the Bismarck had settled down to about ten knots. The Commander-in-Chief British Home Fleet decided to approach on a bearing W.N.W.

At 8.43 the enemy came in sight about 25,000 yards away. The Rodney opened fire at 8.47, followed one minute later by the King George V. and at 8.50 by the Bismarck.

The Bismarck turned to starboard, bringing all her guns on the Rodney. Her first four-gun salvo fell 1,000 yards short but the next salvo straddled.

The accuracy of her fire then deteriorated. She was, however, still firing steadily at the Rodney at 9.58.

The Rodney had straddled the Bismarck, but it was not until 8.57, according to prisoners, that she sustained her first hit.

My ship by this time had joined in the action and made hits at 19,500 yards.

The Bismarck's fire was being controlled from the upper director tower, but after 25 minutes of a most unequal contest the tower was hit and wrecked.

Lieutenant Freiherr von Mullenheim-Rechberg, senior surviving officer, believes that this hit came from the Dorsetshire.

He believes the Bismarck could have held her own against the Rodney and King George V. had it not been for this hit, which, metaphorically speaking, blew out the Bismarck's brains.

OVER-ESTIMATED FIGHTING VALUE
Frankly, I think he over-estimated the fighting value of his own ship and under-estimated the Rodney's ability.

At 9.2 a 16-inch shell from the Rodney struck both the foremost turrets out of action.

It was now all over barring the shouting. The Bismarck received terrific punishment. Both the Rodney and myself continued to pile armour-piercing shell into her until the range was down to about 4,000 yards.

Bismarck was a blazing wreck, a mass of twisted steel. Hatches and doors were jammed.

Crews in two magazines were trapped, temperature was rising. The probability of an explosion caused rescue work to be abandoned.

Orders were given to flood the magazines, and the imprisoned men were drowned.

In the forward canteen 200 men were caught under jammed hatches. At the very moment when one hatch was freed, a direct hit crashed through the deck, transforming the canteen into a charnel house.

According to one prisoner, not one of this group survived.

Lieutenant von Mullenheim-Rechberg told me that personnel in gun turrets were demoralised, saying: "Why should we stay here as target practice for the British?"

One prisoner said that an officer shot some of the crew who refused to obey orders. Another prisoner referred to officers committing suicide.

When it was seen that the Bismarck was quite disabled, the Rodney and King George V. ceased fire and withdrew.

The Dorsetshire came up close on the starboard side of Bismarck.

It seemed to me that although she was a wreck, she might float for hours. I decided to finish her off and two torpedoes were fired into her starboard side.

One struck under her funnel, and the other further aft.

DIVED TO AID SURVIVORS
To make a quick job of it I turned round her bows and fired one more into her port side. Immediately Bismarck heeled over slowly, her keel uppermost and her stem pointing upwards at an angle of about 30 deg.

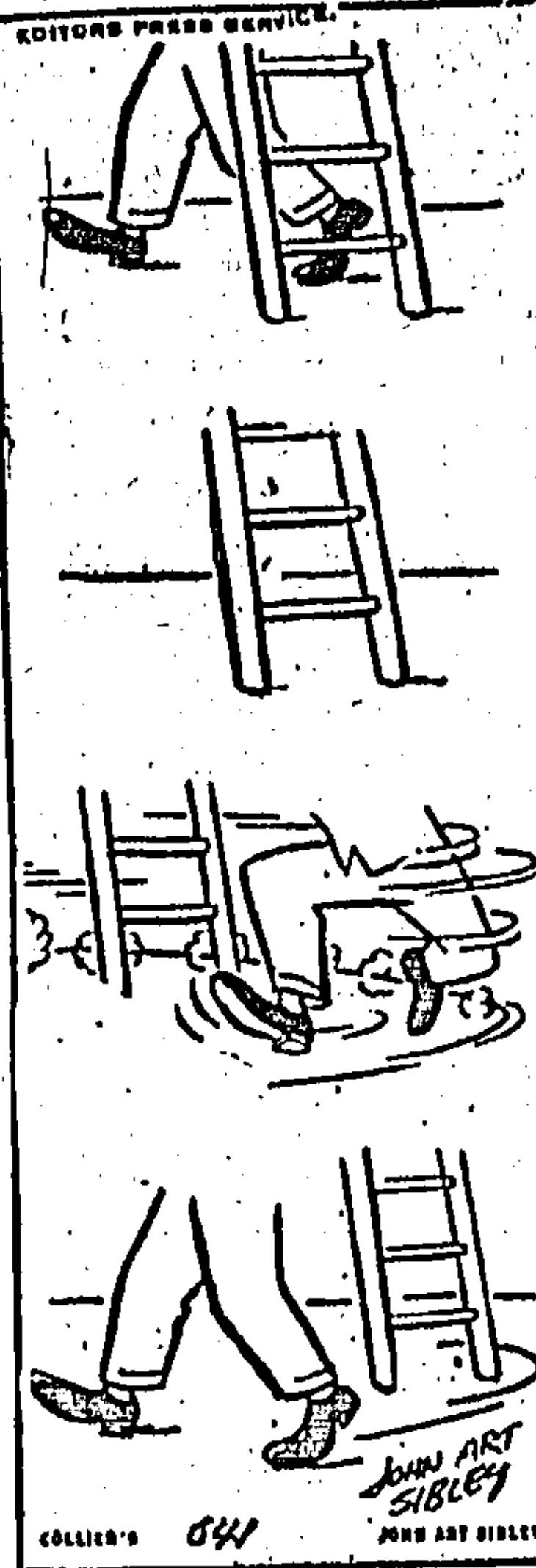
She hung so far a minute or two, and at 10.30 slowly disappeared beneath the waves, 400 or 500 men floating off the ship.

I began picking up survivors. My men worked hard in heavy seas, and one of my own officers dived overboard to assist survivors.

When we had pulled 85 out of the water my navigating officer saw a suspicious object. It might have been a submarine. I had no option but to withdraw.

It may be of interest to know that when my ship was sunk in the Indian Ocean with survivors floating about in the water, a German float plane working from a Japanese aircraft-carrier machine-gunned officers and men.

Here you have an example of the difference in training and mental outlook of the British and German seamen.



Strategic Territory In Desert

By ROBERT D. GRAFF
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS. — Seventeen French soldiers are holding on to a piece of land in the Sahara no bigger than the state of Texas. It has great strategic value in wartime and perhaps hidden oil reserves worth millions below the shifting sands.

The area is known as the Fezzan. It doesn't show on most maps as such, but it is a huge stomach-shaped territory in southern Libya extending up in a narrow corridor to the sea between Tripoli and the eastern border of Tunisia.

What makes Fezzan important is that it connects Algeria and Tunisia with French Equatorial Africa. It gives France a solid block of territory between the Mediterranean and ports along the West African coast such as Dakar, Accra and Lagos.

It makes a continuous wartime supply line possible. Any oil that might be found beneath the sand would be an added prize.

Seized in 1942
In 1942, Gen. Jacques Philippe Leclerc's second armoured division, marched to the Mediterranean from Lake Tchad. En route he occupied the Fezzan. The French have never moved out.

Diplomatic sources close to the French Foreign Ministry say France intends to stay there, even should the rest of Libya be returned to Italy by agreement among the victorious allies.

There are many signs pointing that way. The French last month issued an Algerian airmail stamp showing a plane flying over a map of the Fezzan.

The French also have sealed the Fezzan off from the rest of Libya by erecting road blocks on the roads south of Tripoli which force traffic through Tunisia. French military government in Tunisia currently is responsible for feeding its 17 men and for controlling the tribes in the wind-swept Fezzan.

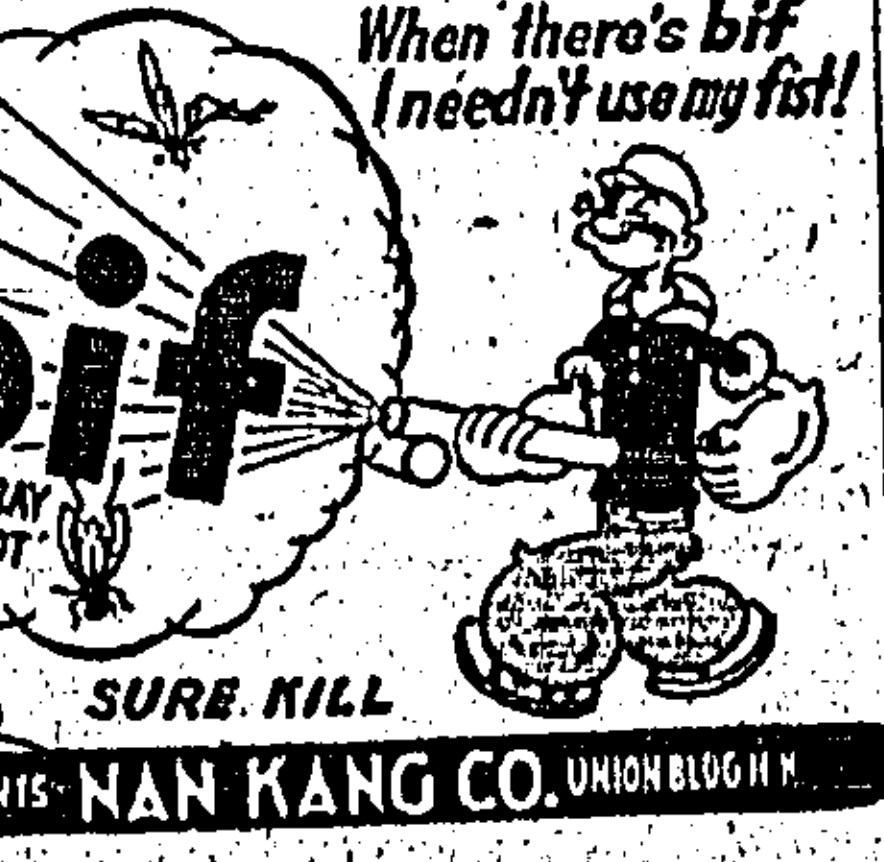
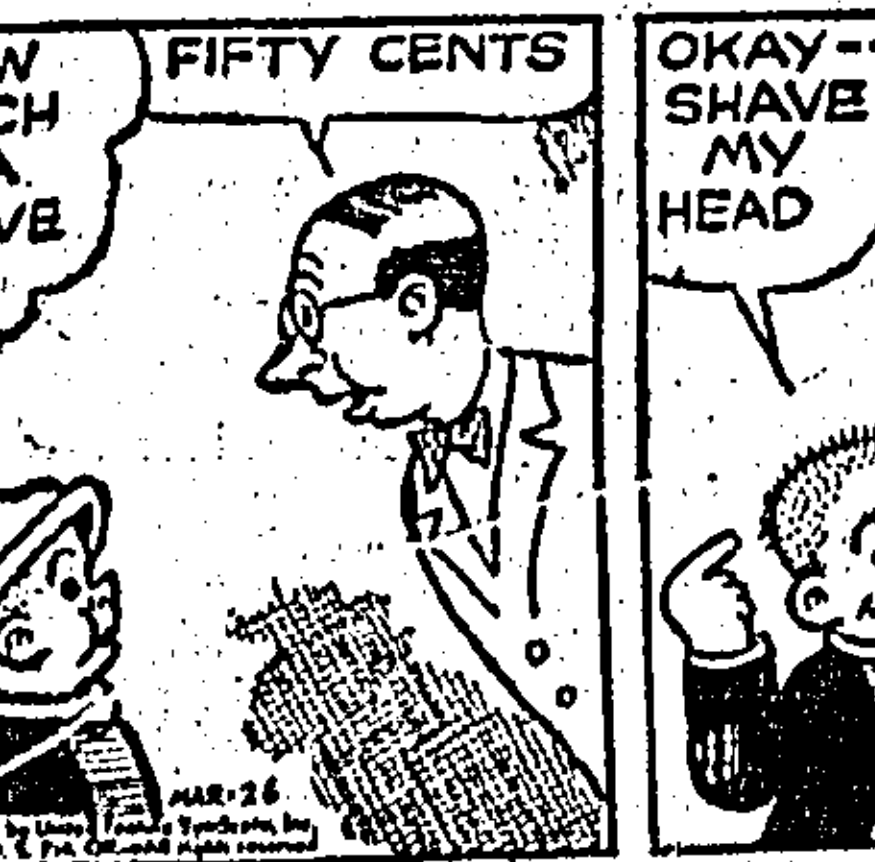
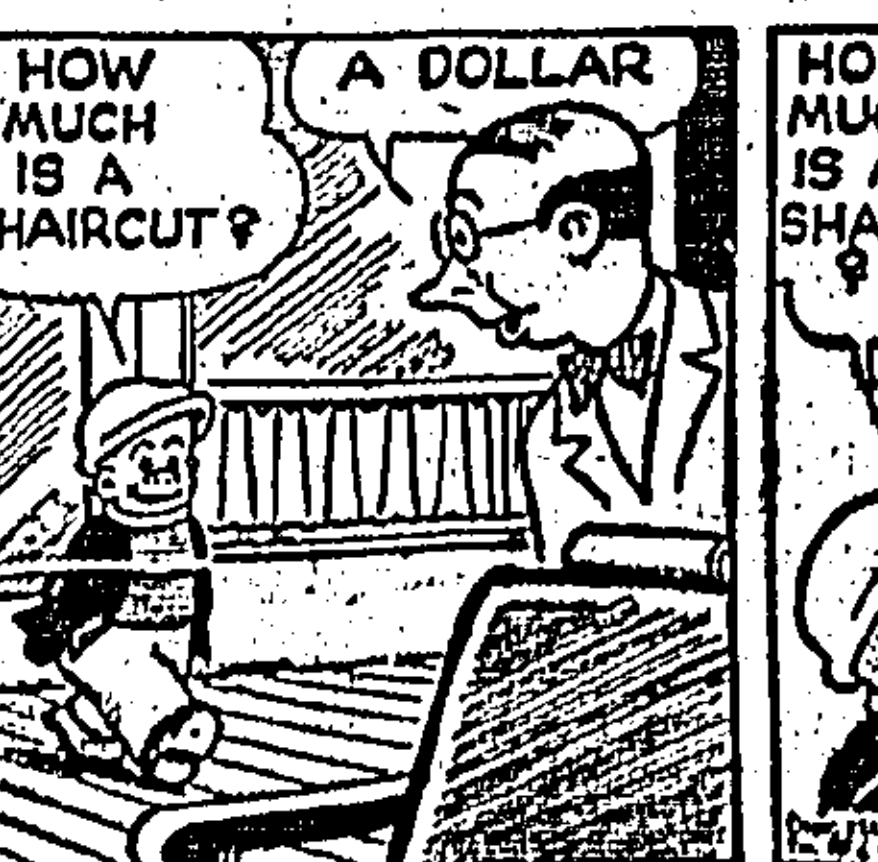
Arabs Aroused
Naturally, the Arab nationalist movements in North Africa are excited. At Cairo, Arab League headquarters has made a formal protest with the Allied Treaty Commission dealing with disposal of Italian colonies.

However, diplomatic sources said the United States and Great Britain, presumably for strategic reasons, are known to favour French possession of the Fezzan.

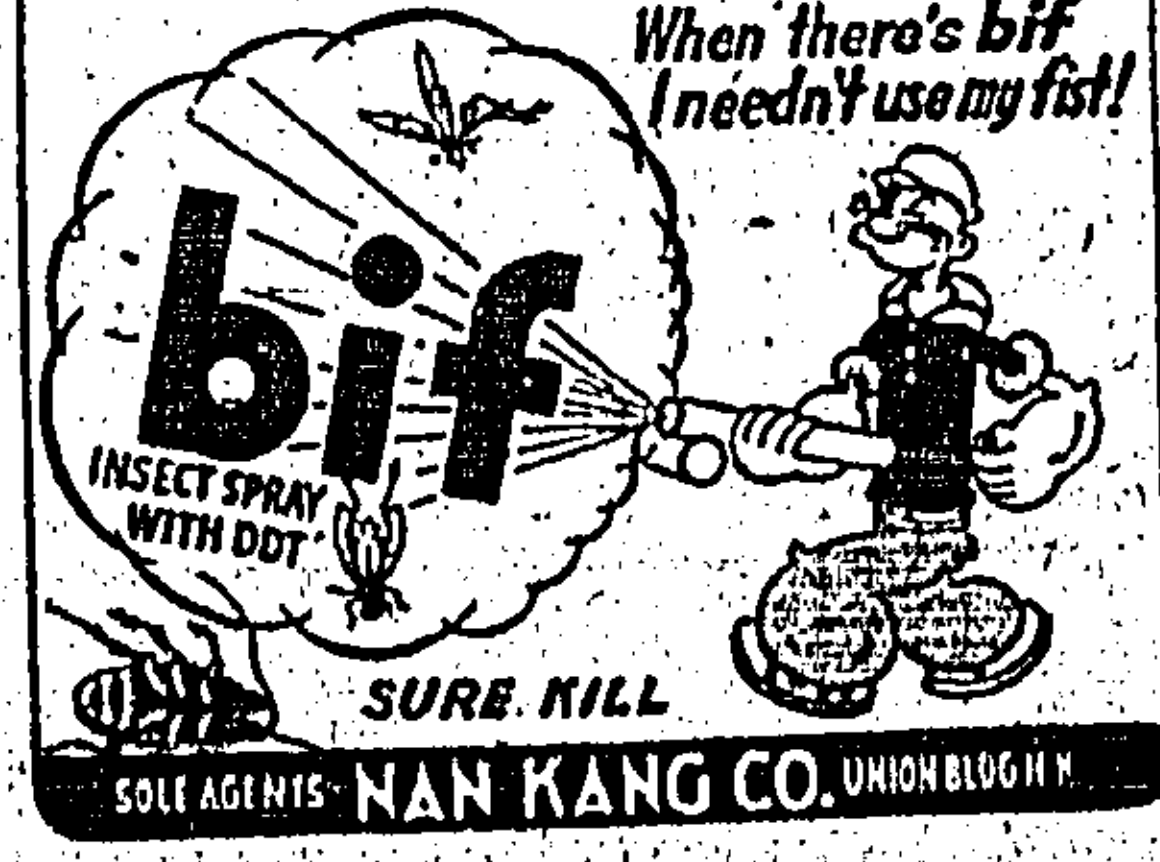
That means, those sources said, that despite any shouting and fuss, France probably would end up in possession of the territory it grabbed during the last war.

French eyes are less on the last war than on the possibility of the next war and such cases as Chadames and Anat would provide excellent airfields for transport planes and heavy bombers.

NANCY Buyer's Market



By Ernie Bushmiller



Good Year For Peak Tramways

Service Popular With Chinos

A satisfactory year's working was reported by the Chairman, Mr D. E. Clark, at the Annual Meeting of the Peak Tramways, Ltd., held this morning in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel. He added that, with the arrival of some machine tools for their workshop, the Company had been able to undertake more of the reconstruction work themselves, with considerable saving.

The Chairman said: Profit for the year, after allowing for depreciation of buildings, rolling stock and electrical haulage plant, amounts to \$145,037.30 which, I am sure you will agree, is satisfactory. Traffic receipts were some \$30,000 better than the previous 15 months period and rents received show an increase of \$5,000. On the other side of the account, wages show an appreciable rise. The other items of expenses do not, I think, call for any special comment.

Reconstruction has gone on throughout the year, and with the arrival of some machine tools for our workshop, we have been able to undertake much more of this work ourselves, with considerable savings. Two of the cars were re-conditioned and are now in first class order whilst the third is being entirely rebuilt. This car was wrecked by a shell during the attack on Hongkong and was later patched up by the Japanese.

Repairs to buildings at the Peak Terminus were also undertaken during the year and the cost of these items is reflected in the increased amount which appears expended under the heading Provision for Rehabilitation in the Balance Sheet. War Losses Account, if the proposed appropriations meet with your approval, will be reduced by \$30,000 and the balance of \$70,000 will be gradually written off.

PEAK TRAM POPULAR

Since the War the Peak Tram has been increasingly patronised by Chinese residents, and with the opening of the Peak Cafe, a trip to the Peak makes a very pleasant break from the busy-busy of the Town. Weather conditions however play a prominent part, and for the year under review, these were distinctly favourable. The time table has been recently increased by eight regular cars and the average number of cars run per day during the year under review was 40 as against the present time table of 40 cars; 97 cars were run per day, pre-war. I would point out, however, that when traffic warrants, extra cars are always run in addition to those scheduled on the time table. Passengers carried for the year totalled 870,000 as against 732,000 for the previous period of 15 months.

The service was interrupted only twice during the year; once for a few hours to clear a small landslide and once for 30 hours for repairs to a main bearing. As regards the future, I can only say that at the time prospects are good. April 1948 receipts were over 40 per cent higher than for the corresponding month last year, and May receipts to date show a similar percentage of increase. It is not anticipated, however, that this percentage increase will continue throughout the year as receipts for the latter half of the year under review were much higher than the first half.

APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations recommended by the Directors have been incorporated in the accounts and I trust these will receive your approval. I now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted and that the amount available for distribution, viz: \$158,153.31 be allocated as follows:

To pay a Dividend of \$1.80 per share, less tax on 25,000 fully paid shares, \$40,000; To pay a dividend of 50 cts. per share, less tax, on 50,000 \$5.— Paid-up shares, \$40,500; To Transfer to Provision for Passages and Leave Pay, \$20,085.68; To Transfer to Provision for Taxation and Contingencies, \$15,000; To Transfer to War Losses Account, \$30,000; And Carry Forward, \$11,472.63.

This was carried by Mr P. A. Waller and seconded unanimously. The Chairman proposed, seconded by Major C. W. L. Way, that Mr R. H. Turner (Directors), Mr J. L. Kadoorie (Hon. N. O. C. Marsh and Mr M. H. Turner be re-elected directors for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Mr S. F. Chubb, seconded by Mr A. Andrews, and carried that Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs Pent Mawick, and Mitchell be re-elected Auditors. Present at the meeting were: Mr D. E. Clark (Chairman), Mr Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. N. O. C. Marsh, Mr M. H. Turner (Directors), Mr J. L. Kadoorie (Secretary), Mr J. A. Waller, Mr S. F. Chubb, Mr A. Andrews, Mr W. C. Lee and Mr F. A. Osofo, (Shareholders).

Abercrombie Leaves Ceylon

Ceylon, May 26.—Sir Patrick Abercrombie, who has been advising the Ceylon Government on numerous town planning schemes during the past two months, left Colombo by air for London today. He is due back in Colombo in October after visiting Australia.—Associated Press.

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY



Defence Opens Case In Wood Murder Trial

FIRST ACCUSED GOES INTO WITNESS BOX

The case for the defence in the trial of three Chinese for the murder of Lytton Bevis Wood on a pathway leading from Lion Rock to Shatin on the afternoon of February 11 opened before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice Williams, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Wood was found dead by his companion, George Ronald Ross, after they had both been attacked by a gang of four men while out for a hike in the Kowloon hills that day. The accused are Lau Hoi (alias Lau Yun-hoi) 29, unemployed, He Cheuk-kui, 26, unemployed, and Li Chung-chun (alias Li Chik-sang) 32, gardener, employed at 377, The Peak.

A Special Jury, comprising leading businessmen, both British and Chinese, is empanelled. Mr D. A. Wright, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths, is appearing for the defence.

The prosecution is conducted by Mr A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector H. T. Mather.

Prior to the opening of the defence, the prosecution concluded its case after calling a few more witnesses.

EMPLOYER'S EVIDENCE

Mrs Mary Martin, of 377, The Peak, said that the third accused was employed by her as a gardener, and she gave him two days holiday on the occasion of Chinese New Year, on February 10-11. She was home all day on February 11, and was playing badminton on her lawn when she heard footsteps on the pathway leading to the house about 6 p.m. She looked up and saw it was the third accused.

Cross-examined, Mrs Martin said it took between 10-15 minutes to walk at a normal pace from the Peak Tram Station to her house. As a gardener, third accused's work entailed the watering of flowers, grass-cutting, and going to the Dairy Farm to collect things she required. She did not pay any particular attention to the third accused when he returned on February 11. He was not given a holiday on February 12, but as witness was out the whole of that day, she did not see him at all.

In reply to Mr Lonsdale, Mrs Martin said that one could possibly take a short cut to her house by leaving the tram at the Barker Road stop, but the walk was much steeper. In any case, by either route, the walk to the house would occupy not less than 10 minutes.

"DON'T SIGN" ADVICE

Chau Young, interpreter at Kowloon Magistrate's, deposed to being the interpreter when the first accused gave evidence during the committal proceedings. After the man had completed his evidence and was about to sign his statement, witness heard the second accused advise him not to sign. When the third accused finished his evidence, he insisted on writing certain characters on his statement himself, and they were to the effect that he had gone for a walk with a friend named Wo Yuh-hing.

Wong Wun, residing at 13 Pitt Street, Kowloon, said the first accused was the son of his brother-in-law. On the morning of February 11, the first accused had a meal with him, and witness did not see him the rest of the day. When Lau Hoi called, he brought no vegetable hawking equipment with him.

Cross-examined, Wong said the first accused had two meals with him on February 10 (Chinese New Year), and the morning meals only on February 11-12. During January and February, the first accused had been in the habit of having a meal with him once or twice a week. He denied that the first accused also had his evening meal with him on February 11.

Similar evidence was given by Wong So, son of the last witness. He said he parloked at a meal with his father and the first accused on the morning of February 11, and did not see first accused again that day.

ACCUSED IN BOX

The first accused then entered the witness-box. He said he was a vegetable hawker, and on February 11, he awoke shortly before 6 a.m. and left the Sang Lee Yuen Gardens, where he lived, together with the second accused for the vegetable stalls in Kowloon City near Hakka Village, and they purchased some vegetable to ply their trade. They then proceeded to Pitt Street, arriving there about 7 a.m. and began hawking. About 9 a.m. he left Ho and went to Wong Mun's house where he had his morning meal, and then returned to relieve Ho. Ho had his next meal also at Wong Mun's place at 1 p.m. and remained there until 3 p.m. after which he returned to his pitch and continued

hawking in company with the second accused until 7 p.m. when they returned to the Sang Lee Yuen Gardens. Shown a statement he was alleged to have made to the Police, first accused denied making it, and said the only portions in it which were true were those referring to his own particulars, and nothing else. The rest was composed by the Police. He did not know the person named Cho Kat, mentioned in the statement.

DENIES FRIENDSHIP

Asked about another person, Kong Lok, also mentioned in the statement, Lau admitted knowing who the man was, but denied that Kong was his friend. He said he was never anywhere in the hills around Lion Rock on February 11, and the allegation made by Kong Ting that the latter had been him in the hills about 12.30 p.m. that day was not true.

Asked why Kong should have given such evidence if it was not true, Lau alleged that Kong was being used as a tool by the Police and gave his evidence under Police instructions. He further alleged that Kong was angry with him because he (accused) had refused Kong a loan of \$1 some time previously.

Lau also denied he ever had a revolver in his possession. He ad-

mitted having accompanied Inspector Matches, and Det. Sgt. Tam Chung on a visit to Shanghai Street where he was asked to point out a watchmaker's shop. He alleged that Tam Chung pointed to a shop and asked him if that was it, and before he could give an answer, another policeman, "the fat detective," said it was, and he was taken inside where the Police examined all the watches. He did not know if they took any away.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Cross-examined, Lau claimed he had his evening meal at 5 p.m. at Wong Wun's house, and explained that Wong and his son had given contradictory evidence because they had forgotten the fact. He denied that Kong Lok was an acquaintance of his; and that Cho Kat was in fact the third accused. He did not know third accused and had never seen him at the Sang Lee Yuen Gardens. It was not true that he had spoken to the third accused in the Gardens, as alleged by certain witnesses.

Mr Lonsdale: Are you suggesting that Inspector Matches, Det. Sgt. Tam Chung and the fat detective, Kwok, are all telling lies? Lau: I have been falsely accused. I say they have all been telling lies against me. They even dare to tell lies in Court. You can see how daring they are. The trial is proceeding.

TELEPHONE CO. WANTS CHARGES READJUSTED

(Continued from Page 1)

new building at No. 1 Cameron Road. This project has been undertaken for two main reasons, namely, to provide the very necessary accommodation required for the remaining staff of the telephone company, and also to make provision for the future telephone development of Kowloon. As you are no doubt aware, suitable accommodation for a large automatic exchange unit requires special planning, both as regards location and design, and is an example of the long-term planning which is such an important factor in the successful operation of a telephone undertaking. Before leaving the subject I feel sure shareholders would wish me to take this opportunity of recording our gratitude to H.E. the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, KCMG, for performing the ceremony of laying the foundation stone on March 25, 1948.

The cash situation remains favourable, but falling early rate adjustments, and having regard to your commitments, will continue to require careful scrutiny. On the liabilities side you will observe that all the calls on the partly paid shares made last year, with the exception of some \$68,577, had been paid by 31st December, 1947.

INADEQUATE CAPITAL It will be apparent that the present capital of your company must be inadequate, not only vis-a-vis the realistic value of your Assets, but also having regard to provision for future expansion, and I can assure shareholders that your Directors are keeping this and other relevant matters constantly before them. The work of consolidating, maintaining, and extending telephone facilities in the Colony is being carried on with zeal and without intermission, and I am confident shareholders would wish me to express their appreciation of the efforts of the staffs of all departments in contributing to this satisfactory state of affairs. Notwithstanding the difficulties and delays attendant on obtaining supplies of suitable apparatus and materials, shareholders will be pleased to learn that your Company installed an additional 3,559 telephone stations during the year under review.

I now beg formally to propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1947, be presented, be accepted, and I shall be obliged if you, shareholder, will kindly second my proposal whereupon questions as to the Report and Accounts may be raised.

SECONDER'S SPEECH

Mr C. E. Terry, seconding the adoption, said: I am sure shareholders will agree with me that the results achieved

during the year, as reflected in the Report and Accounts now presented, are very satisfactory; it is apparent, however, that the handicaps under which the Company was operating at the time of our last Annual General Meeting have not yet been removed. In your very clear exposition of the situation, Sir, you have indicated very plainly the patience and perseverance which have been exercised in the course of negotiations with Government on the question of reasonable adjustment of telephone charges; it is obviously impossible for any Company to continue to meet dividend commitments from reserves, and it is fundamentally unsound that a utility company should be compelled to look to extraneous sources for its revenue through being denied the opportunity of securing it from the service which it is designed, and which it maintains at a high level of efficiency.

I feel that the Directorate, Management and Staff are to be congratulated on the very high standard of service they have maintained in difficult circumstances. As one of those who saw the first hand the work carried out by the Staff at the time of the re-occupation of the Colony, I take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the efforts that have been continuously made since that time, and the vision and foresight which have been displayed in carrying out the plans for the fine building now in course of erection in Kowloon.

I have very much pleasure in seconding the proposal that the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1947, as presented, be adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sir Robert Kolowall and Mr F. C. Barry were re-elected Directors of the Company on the proposal of Major C. W. L. Way seconded by Mr R. O. Baker.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$6,000 per annum on the proposal of Dr Mok Tai-tin, seconded by Mr A. McKellar.

Present at the meeting were the Hon. N. O. C. Marsh (Chairman), Sir Shouson Chow, Messrs R. K. Valentine, D. C. Davis, D. H. Blake, F. C. Barry (Directors), J. P. Sherry (Managing Director), S. Groves (Secretary), D. S. Robb (representing Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews), Dr Mok Tai-tin, Dr W. G. E. Eggleton, Major C. W. L. Way, Messrs C. E. Terry, C. C. Blake, W. H. Kwan, Tan Kok-kin, A. McKellar, R. O. Baker, A. G. Langston, E. R. Child, Lam Kien, W. G. Griffin and Li Lai-wing (shareholders).

Yu Lok Lane Shooting

Accused Tells His Own Story

"He is a good and faithful son, he is the only male member of the family," said Wong Ho, mother of accused Pang Hung, 19, unemployed, and she wept bitterly as she testified to her son's character at his trial before Mr Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning. Pang is charged with the attempted murder of Detective C742, Chan Wing, attempting to shoot at Chan with intent to resist arrest, and with conspiracy, together with others not in custody, to rob.

Mr C. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr C. A. S. Russ is appearing for the defence. Mr J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector G. E. Willerton, is prosecuting. The Jury comprises four men and three women.

Giving evidence on his own behalf accused, said he lived in Wanchai with his mother. His father was a priest and during the Japanese occupation, he went to Kwongchow-wan to preach and had not been heard of since.

Accused said he used to sell food on board a ship, but sold the business on account of losses sustained. He became a hawker in Wanchai.

GIVEN GUN TO CARRY

A Chiu Chow man, nicknamed "Ah Nang" gave him the revolver to carry, accused continued. He had at first refused, but when promised a large sum of money he finally agreed. He was to take the weapon to Third Street in West Point, where "Ah Nang" was to take possession of it again. The gun was given him in a lavatory in Hollywood Road after he and "Ah Nang" had tea in a tea-house in the central district.

"Ah Nang" later met him by appointment in Third Street where he offered the gun back to the Chiu Chow man, accused declared. "Ah Nang," however, declined to take it back yet, saying the handing over of the gun was too exposed to the public.

He was standing on top of the steps leading to Yu Lok Lane when he saw the Police come. He heard a shot and he put up his hands. Hearing another shot, he became afraid, and was turning round to run when he was shot at on the leg. He crumpled to the ground and the Police told him not to move. He became more frightened and tried to rise from the ground when he was hit by a bullet on the hand. He never drew his revolver which was in his girdle. Accused denied he ever pointed the gun at anyone.

DENIES STATEMENT

At the time when a statement was taken from him in hospital he was feeling great pain in the hand and leg, accused said. He denied he made a statement to the effect that this Chiu Chow man and another person had discussed a robbery with him. Accused said he gave the Police all the information he knew regarding the affair. He said the Police promised to do their best for him. He further told the Inspector that he was sorry and that he had been misled.

Cross-examined, accused said he had known "Ah Nang" for four or five days.

He admitted making a statement that "Ah Nang" and another person had discussed robbery with him, but it was a false statement, accused said. He knew a man named Chan Pui. He had known him for a long time. Chan was later shot dead in Yu Lok Lane where he (accused) was waiting for "Ah Nang." He was in the lane for about 15 minutes and Chan was also there for about the same length of time, although Chan was standing some 10 feet away. He was told to wait in Yu Lok Lane by "Ah Nang" after the Chiu Chow man had declined to take possession of his revolver in Third Street.

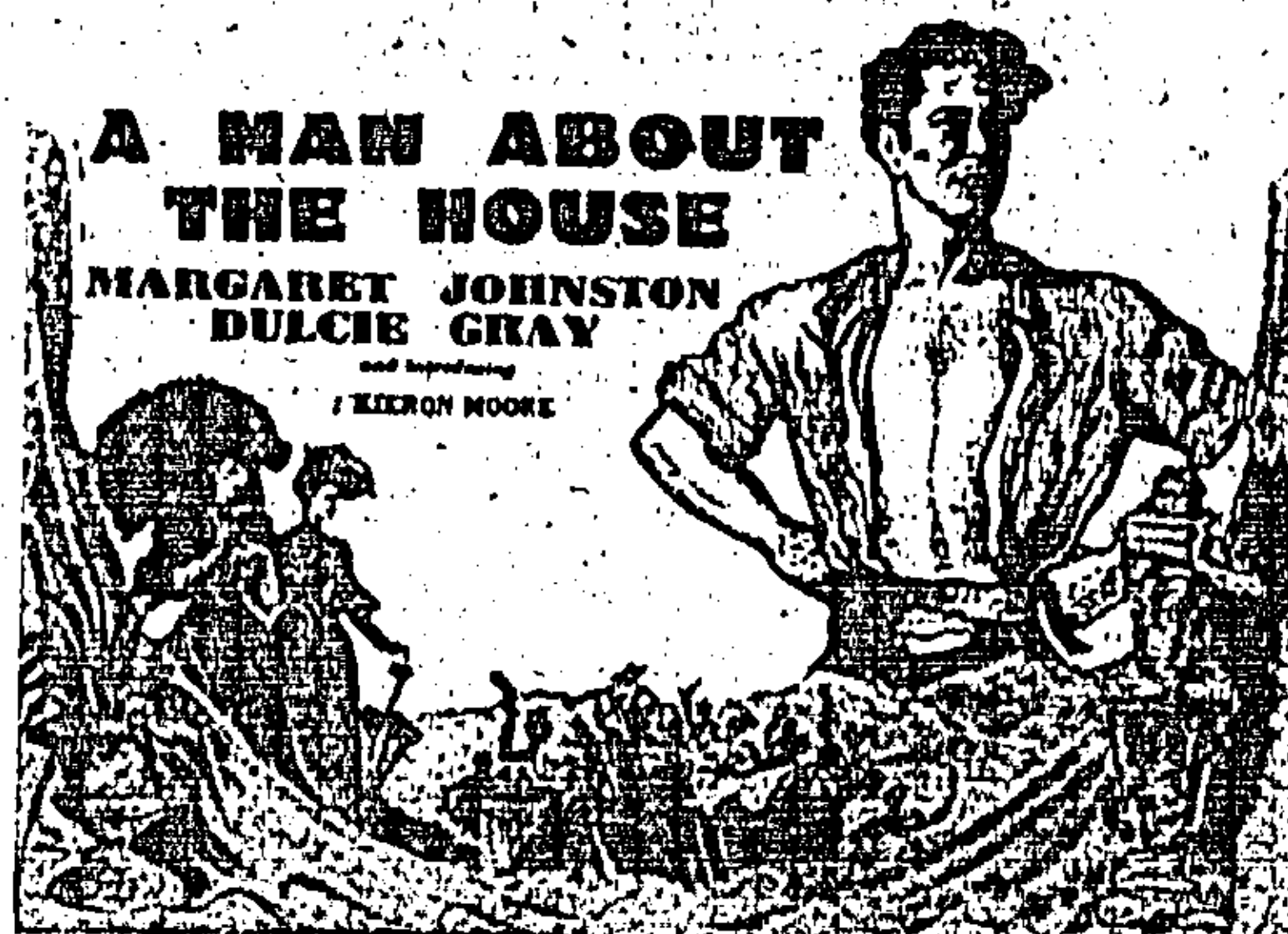
Accused said he did not see Chan Pui open fire on anyone. The trial is proceeding.

Rain Washes Out County Cricket

London, May 26.—Rain prevented play in all of the first-class cricket matches due to begin today. No play was possible at Manchester where the Australian tourists should have opened their match with Lancashire. At Dudley, the pitch was so saturated that it was decided to cut out another.

The matches due to start today were: Australians v Lancashire; Middlesex v Leicestershire; Surrey v Sussex; Derbyshire v Northamptonshire; Oxford University v Warwickshire; Worcestershire v Kent; Reuter.

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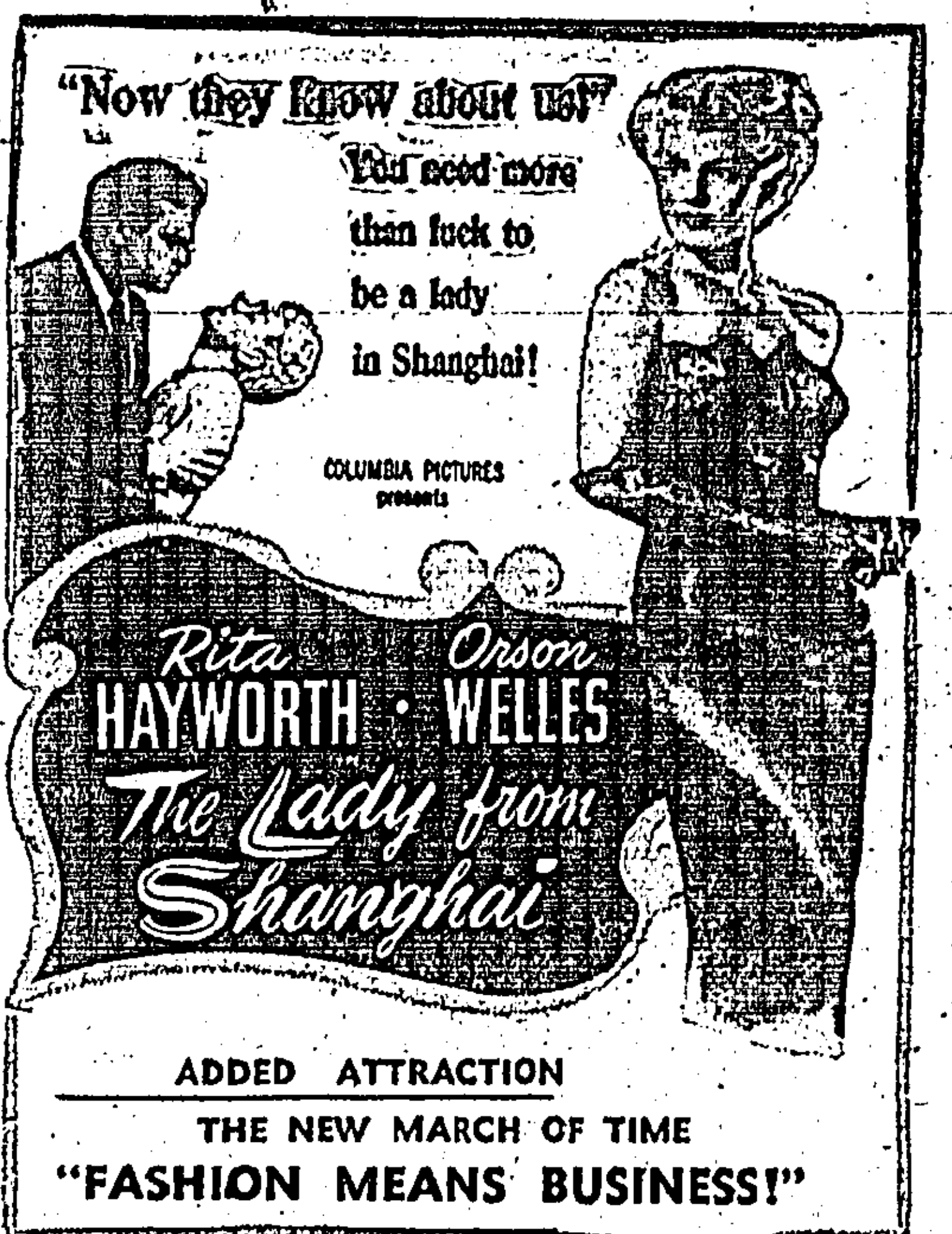


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Rebirth of Jewish State of Israel marked by war... Haganah takes City of Haifa... Winston Churchill addresses Congress of Europe... Secretary of State Marshall on parlay between U.S. and Russia... Gals Promiere of "Iron Curtain" marred by riots between veterans and communists.

PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

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Badminton Finals At KCC Tonight

The finals of the Senior Men's Singles and the Junior Men's Doubles Badminton Championship will be played at the KCC tonight and the gallery is promised two excellent games in addition to which there will be a Mixed Doubles exhibition.

The first game starts at 8.30 p.m. The admission fee will be \$2.40.

Finalists in the Men's Senior Singles will be Patrick Wong and Robert Tay of Sing Tao who eliminated University's S. A. Vannar and Low Kent Soo respectively in the semi-finals.

Though Tay bent Low Kent Soo largely on the latter's inability to step back for high shots as a result of a pulled muscle sustained in Sunday's exhibition match against the Malayan champions, he was playing extremely well yesterday to win 15-7, 15-4 and touched his best form in the tournament.

He is a fine player and may prove a match for Patrick Wong, though the latter seems to be the better all-rounder. Wong has a devastating drop shot and his courtcraft is superb.

Tay is not far off in courtcraft but his stroke play is not up to Wong's standard.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

The Junior Doubles Final between KCC's S. Saul and W. Gillies and A. Bayot and F. M. Ribeiro of Recole should be a fine game, though the Portuguese pair, who had a narrow shave of it coming through the semi-finals, will have to touch much better form than they have managed so far to hold Saul and Gillies.

The KCC combination is solid as a partnership. Saul is the best player of the four with Bayot, when in form, a close second. Gillies holds the edge over Ribeiro and pre-final form suggests a win for the KCC pair, though it may prove close enough.

EXHIBITION GAME

There will also be a Mixed Doubles exhibition on the programme between Marcus Oliveira and Miss Myrtle Silva and Ramon Young and Miss Ullian Khoo. Both pairs had been strong contenders for the Mixed Doubles title and it should prove a good match.

DOUBLES QUARTER FINALS IN PARIS TOURNAMENT

Paris, May 26.—Frank Parker, Milwaukee, and Budge Patty, Los Angeles, advanced into the semi-finals of the Men's Doubles of the French International Tennis championships today, beating the Yugoslav pair of Josip Pallada and Danje Mitic by 6-2, 6-3, 3-6 and 6-1.

The Americans were in control throughout except during the third set when Patty's game slowed down. The Yugoslavs took advantage to rush the net and run out the set before the Americans found their game again.

Shirley Fry and Mary Arnold Prentiss defeated Gloria Butler and Argil Rice, both of New York City by 6-4 and 6-1.

Doris Hart and Patricia Canning Todd beat the French pair of Suzy Pannetier and Jacqueline Paterni, 6-2 and 6-4.

These were all quarter finals matches.

The weather was cold and windy and most players wore sweaters. The American-Yugoslav match, played on the centre court, was the

League season started yesterday with four "B" Division matches. Craigengower, South China "A" and the Hongkong Cricket Club being the season's first match-winners. South China "B" drew with Chinese Recreation Club.

Scores were: United Services R.C. lost to Craigengower 8½ sets to half at King's Park. F. H. Rodgers and R. W. Mackreth (USRC) lost to S. Leonard and J. W. Leonard 1-6; lost to L. F. Souza and D. J. Leonard 1-6; drew with N. Leonard and H. K. Lee 0-6. F. A. Fisher and A. H. Dinneen (USRC) lost to S. and J. W. Leonard 1-6; lost to Souza and D. J. Leonard 2-6; lost to N. Leonard and Lee 0-6. W. A. Anderson and F. H. Fleming (USRC) lost to S. and J. W. Leonard 2-6; lost to Souza and D. J. Leonard 1-6; lost to N. Leonard and Lee 0-6.

KCC LOSE

At Cox's Road, Kowloon C.C. lost to South China "A" by 7½. A. Y. White and D. Brown (KCC) drew with K. F. Lui and H. H. Hsu 6-6; lost to P. Pun and K. T. Ng 1-6; beat H. C. Kwok and H. K. Ho 0-3. R. S. Capell and W. A. Nicholas (KCC) lost to Lui and Hsu 1-6; lost to Pun and Ng 0-6; lost to Kwok and Ho 0-6. C. R. Rostel and R. N. Manley (KCC) lost to Lui and Hsu 3-6; lost to Pun and Ng 1-6; lost to Kwok and Ho 1-6.

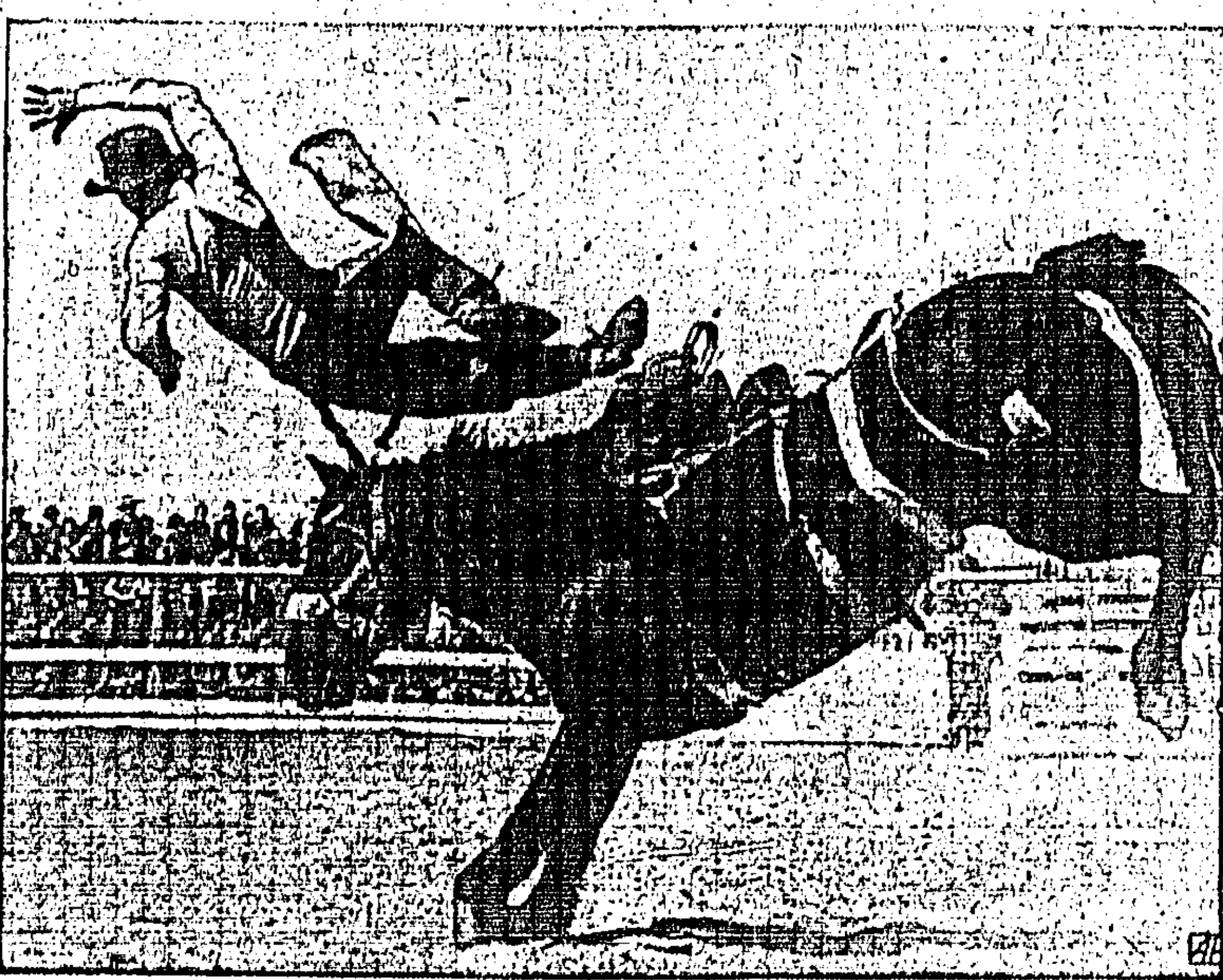
A DRAWN MATCH

At Causeway Bay, Chinese R.C. drew with South China "B" 4½ sets all. Li Ming and C. S. Wong (CRC) beat Y. K. Ng and K. C. Wan 6-3; beat Y. K. Ng and U. Ting-tsek 6-3; beat K. C. Sit and K. C. Wong 6-2. J. S. Lee and F. H. Kwok (CRC) drew with N. and W. 6-6; lost to Wan and U 4-6; lost to Sit and Wong 3-6. C. M. Chau and R. Ma (CRC) beat Ng and Wan 6-3; lost to Wan and U 2-6; lost to Sit and Wong 2-6.

CLUB BEAT I.R.C.

H.K.C.C. beat Indian R.C. 7-2. G. S. Cothead and H. V. Ardy (HKCC) beat O. R. Sadick and S. F. M. Bux 6-4; lost to I. Omar and M. I. Razack 2-6; beat M. A. Wahab and M. Samy 6-1. Cdr. Allen and Cdr. Achery (HKCC) beat Sadick and Bux 6-3; lost to Omar and Razack 2-6; beat Wahab and Samy 6-1. Dr. Meyer and N. E. Arthy (HKCC) beat Sadick and Bux 7-5; beat Omar and Razack 6-1; beat M. A. Wahab and M. Samy 6-1. The match between Recole "B" and Hongkong University was postponed.

WITH GREATEST OF EASE



Boots Hawthorne, Lampasas, Tex., flies through air, arms extended and chaps flapping, as he is thrown by Kickapoo at San Angelo, Tex., rodeo.

The New Colony Chess Champion May Be Any One Of The Six Finalists

The Colony Open Chess Championship final has passed the half-way stage and the first of the last five rounds, in which competitors will play with colours reversed, starts tonight at the Peninsula Hotel.

With the field divided now by a blanket one-point margin between the top and bottom of the ladder, it is more difficult to predict a winner than it was at the start when Sequeira was the hot favourite.

At the moment K. M. A. Barnett leads on the road to what may be his second Colony Championship. He won in 1940 from the late Ernest Zimmern with Karel Weiss third, D. E. de Carvalho fourth and Sir Henry Pollock fifth.

Tonight Barnett has the black pieces against L. Schure, who beat him in both their previous encounters and returned with a vengeance last Thursday after a two weeks' lapse from form to beat "Chico" Sequeira.

Luck was on Schure's side in the first round of the final, when Barnett slipped up in a better position. His first win against Barnett in the preliminary round, Schure accomplished without the aid of Lady Luck. He was at his brightest and won handily, keeping the tempo all along. Barnett has improved considerably in the last three rounds. He could beat Schure tonight, but if Schure strikes form it will be no easy job. Should Schure win, he will lead the field by a half-point. Should Barnett win, he will keep his half-point lead on the field and will be, in addition, a valuable ½ point ahead of Schure, a tremendous margin with four rounds to go.

SEQUEIRA V. PROKOPOV

"Chico" Sequeira showed a bad lapse from form in the last two rounds when he lost to Barnett and Schure in succession. On the whole, it was rather surprising. However, it took a brilliancy from either player to beat "Chico" and he was playing a little too overcautiously against Barnett with a premature attack that wasn't too carefully thought out. His collapse against Schure last week is difficult to understand. Schure grabbed the initiative from the start in a Centre Gambit and never let go of it, sacrificing a bishop for a pawn to bring on an overwhelming attack that proved strong enough to win in 23 moves.

Tonight Sequeira has the white pieces against P. K. Prokopov with whom he drew in the first round. To remain in the running for the championship he will have to win against Prokopov, if he too wants to stay in the running, cannot afford to lose.

CARVALHO V. DANENBERG

The first round encounter between Ray Danenberg and Johnny Carvalho was drawn. Since then both have advanced from strength to strength. Either has lost but one game, though winning only one. The two, conceded at the start, are doing better than anything in the bottom half of the ladder, have shown considerable improvement in

their game and, more important, in match temperament.

Danenberg, I consider the more improved player of the two. After long tournament experience, he has finally come into his own. I doubt that he will lose another game in this tournament and two wins and three draws in the last five games would win him the championship, even at six points out of 10, more than a possibility in the closest Colony Champion we have had. Johnny Carvalho holds a jinx over Schure and has one held over him by Prokopov. He should draw the other three games at the worst. He may win one or two for a change. Who knows? He is not really up to the standard of the rest of the field but he has developed a will not to lose.

Here is how they fared against one another in the first round:

	B	S	C	S	D	P
Barnett	X	0	½	1	½	1
Schure	1	X	0	½	1	0
Carvalho	½	1	X	0	½	½
Sequeira	0	0	1	X	1	½
Danenberg	½	½	½	0	X	½
Prokopov	0	1	½	½	0	X

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Final results in the World Chess Championship were Botvinnik 14;

America's Olympic Swimming Hopes

New Haven, Conn.—America's leading experts, with eyes on the Olympics, agree that the recent national AAU men's indoor swimming championships "were the greatest in history."

Heading the parade were two great swimmers—stocky Bob Kipphut of Yale and little Mike Peppe of Ohio State, America's Olympic coaches. The meet, in Yale's plush pool, attracted nearly all of the nation's best material, was run off in big league style and provided a reasonably accurate line on precisely which men will be wearing the United States shield at London in August.

Looking back at the performances, Kipphut, who will handle the swimmers, and Peppe, who will direct the divers, found what they saw range from encouraging to "best in the world."

"Best in the world" were performances turned in by Joe Verdeur of Philadelphia, who, in winning the 220-yard breaststroke in two minutes, 30.5 seconds, bettered his international mark of 2:35 for the shorter 200-metres distance; and Diver Miller Anderson of Ohio State. They and Bill Smith of Ohio State, middle distance ace, were double winners as Peppe's Buckeyes, in a brilliant comeback, rolled up 46 points to win team honours for the third year in a row. Michigan, Big Nine and national collegiate champs, was second with 26.

"Encouraging" was the description applied to the form of Smith, Walter Ris of Iowa, brilliant sprinter, and Allen Seck of Yale, star backstroke.

Kipphut also singled out George Hoogerhyde of Michigan, State as a "tremendous prospect," and Bob Busby of Penn College, Cleveland, as a comer in the sprint. Jimmy McLane of Akron, Ohio, the young Andover star and a top Olympic prospect, didn't compete here, one of the few whose absence was conspicuous.

Peppe, lauded his other two acrobats of the springboards, Bruce Harlan and Jack Calhoun, and Jim Strong of Cincinnati. He hailed them and Dr. Sam Lee of California, a physician, as being of "Olympic calibre," along with Anderson.—Associated Press.

THE SCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia	R	H	E
Chicago	7	0	0
St. Louis	5	4	0
New York	3	12	3
Detroit	7	8	0
(Winning pitcher Dizzy Trout)	5	10	1
Boston	3	7	3
(Winning pitcher Joe Dobson)	3	7	3

Philadelphia scored twice in the fourth and five times in the seventh innings as Joe Coleman won his fifth victory in six tries. Detroit took advantage of ten walks by New York pitchers to beat the Yankees 7-3. Although Dizzy Trout was reached for 12 hits, including four by shortstop Bobby Brown and three by third baseman Bill Johnson, he went all the way to decision Speer Shea. Boston snapped a four game losing streak by defeating Saint Louis 5-3 with right fielder Sam Rice scoring the winning run in the 10th inning on a double error by the Browns. He came in as

CANADIAN POLICEMAN WINS MARATHON CLASSIC

By FRANK WALDMAN

Gerard Cote, stocky Canadian runner with the legs of a fire horse and the heart of a champion, won the 52nd running of the famed Boston Athletic Association Marathon.

He thereby became the first competitor to win the Hopkinton-to-Boston classic four times since 1926, the year the race was first held at its present 26-mile 385-yard distance.

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Everybody wants to talk to Cote. He grinned, moving briskly about. "Shower can wait." Cote readily admitted he felt fine, although when the race got under way he had no idea of winning it. "But the more I ran the better I felt. Pretty soon (at the 13 mile mark) I discovered Ted (Vogel) and I had passed most of the field so I opened up a little. Vogel stayed with me for a few miles but about three miles from the finish he dropped back. So, I finished alone," he grinned. "And that's all right with me."

TUFTS STUDENT Ted Vogel, a student at nearby Tufts College, pushed his way through the crowd to congratulate the winner. "I haven't any excuses," he offered. "Cote ran the kind of race I wanted but he was just in too good condition, that's all. I guess it was a case of my not having had enough road work."

Vogel didn't seem bitter, but you could sense a disappointment at not having won. However, his now almost certain selection to the United States Olympic team this summer should be compensation enough. Boston AA, sponsor of the yearly event, was well represented in this 52nd running of the classic. Three of the first five finishers carried BAA colours. In addition to second-place Vogel, they were Jesse Van Zandt, who finished third, and Ollie Manninen, who came in fifth.

Joining Vogel on the United States Olympic team this summer will probably be Manninen and popular Johnny Kelley, whose fourth-place finish gave him enough points to qualify for Olympic selection. From the Christian Science Monitor. The veteran Cote outran young Ted Vogel of Tufts College, the National AAU champion, over the last half of the race. Cote's time for the 26-mile, 385-yard course was 2 hours, 31 minutes and 2 seconds—nearly six minutes off the record set in 1947 by the little Korean runner Yun Bo Suh. Last year, Cote, who shouldered the former Canadian Army Sergeant for 10 miles, was second in the grind, finishing in 2:31:40. Cote won in 1940, 1943 and 1944.

At the finish Cote greeted friends in Canada via radio and young Vogel was disappointed when he said, "You get out of a race what you put into it and I did not put in enough. Gerry ran a wonderful race."

At Coolidge Corner in neighbourhood Brookline, three miles from the finish, Cote cut loose and raced in to a 30-yard lead which he increased step-by-step until he finished about 200 yards in front. Jesse H. Van Zant of the Boston AA, was third in 2:35:53. Smiling Johnny Kelley of West Acton, a former winner who has finished second more than any other competitor, was fourth in 2:37:52. Fifth place went to Ollie Manninen of the Boston AA, whose time was recorded as 2:39:50.

Favourite Vogel was leading the pack of 143 runners at the half-way mark. Vogel, National AAU champion, was clocked in 1 hour, 11 minutes, 3 seconds at Wellesley—about four minutes behind the record at this checking point.

1944 WINNER

About 30 feet behind Vogel was Gerard Cote, of St. Hyacinthe, Canada, the 1944 winner of this grind over a 26-mile, 385-yard course. Both Vogel and Cote were running easily as they reached the Wellesley Hills—13 miles out from the starting line at Hopkinton. Tom Crane of Springfield, who is listed with Vogel by most experts as a favourite, was running 10th.

Just behind Vogel and Cote were Paul A. Collins, Millrose AA, New York, and James Beal of Hingham. The others making up the first 10 at Wellesley were pretty well backed.

The Chinese entry Wang Chen Ling, wearing No. 1, was running ninth. He seemed a little more tired than the others, but still looked strong.

POSSIBLE DARK HORSE

Another possible dark horse in this group was Jesse Van Zandt in fifth place. Van Zandt, 25-year-old former Californian, is running under the colours of the BAA now. Sixth was Walter Frederick, Hamilton Olympic Club, Canada; seventh, Louis White, New York

Pioneer Club; eighth, Bill Steiner, Bronx, N. Y. Daniel M. Van Dorpe, of Union, N. J., a comparative unknown, was the early pace-setter at the six-mile mark. The race saw 143 starters—including three former winners.

Van Dorpe's unofficial time at Framingham was 32m. 2s.—about two minutes behind the course record for this checkpoint set a year ago by Yun Bok Sun of Korea.

CHINESE ENTRY

About 30 yards behind the leading Van Dorpe was the Chinese entry Wang Chen Ling, who was wearing No. 1. Weather was ideal with a light southwest following wind helping the runners at the outset.—Associated Press.

GOLF

Gonzalez Does 31 For 9 Holes

Sandwich, England, May 26.—Willie Turnesa made his debut in defense of his British Amateur Golf championship today on the hail and rain-swept St. George's course and led a contingent of four favoured Americans into a round of 32 with two slashing victories.

Little Elmsfort, the New York Iron Wizard, disposed of Frank Tatum, Jr., of Los Angeles, and Rhodes scholar at Oxford, by five and three and walloped aging Cyril Tolley, winner of the title in 1929 by the same score.

Meanwhile, last year's runner-up, Dick Chapman, of Pinehurst, North Carolina, eliminated one of the most serious threats to another all-American finale, by beating lanky Joe Carr, Irish Walker cup winner by two and one.

But these wins were almost overshadowed by the grinning pencil-thin figure of 25-year-old Mario Gonzalez, son of the Brazilian millionaire and heavy local favourite who annihilated Ellis Werkel by six and five with a first nine score of 31 on this tough sea-girt course, tying the course record of 31 set in 1914.

The other two Americans to advance to the fourth round of the venerable classic are Frank Stranahan and Robert Sweeney, Jr. Turnesa drew the biggest gallery. As he strode to the first tee, he said that he hoped it would be windy and almost as though it were a cue, a half-gale began blowing across the course.

Tatum was obviously troubled by the full gusts but Turnesa was not bothered. Tomorrow's fourth round matches are: Gonzalez vs. P. B. Lucas; Stranahan vs. Taggart; Chapman vs. McNally; Turnesa vs. G. A. Lovelady; Sweeney vs. S. B. Roberts.—United Press

SOLE SURVIVOR

Sandwich, May 26.—Graham Locke, an Englishman, who lives in Denmark, was the sole survivor today of a score of European entries in the British Amateur Golf tournament.

He reached the fourth round by beating the Frenchman, Georges Huot, at the 23rd hole.—Associated Press.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ROYAL ST. GEORGE'S GOLF COURSE

Sir,—In your evening issue of May 25 I read a remarkable statement about the Royal St. George's Golf Links. "Hardly six good holes" could hardly be stated by a man who knows anything about golf. The "Associated Press" reporter—be he in England, America or Hongkong, is welcome to take up my challenge. To 36 holes at Fanning, it seems hardly likely that the authorities in England would choose such an apparently poor golf course to play the "Open Amateur." Perhaps the originator was turned down for membership, and rightly so.

KCC BOWLS TEAM

The KCC team against Craigengower in the friendly lawn bowls match on Saturday, May 29, at KCC, starting at 4 p.m. will be: V. C. Labrum, W. Colledge, A. E. P. Guest and E. C. Fincher (skip); J. M. Forrest, W. Morrison, S. A. Gray and J. Orem (skip); J. Tibble, R. Leigh, T. Lock and A. Steven (skip). Reserves will be L. Drenny, W. Chinn, C. I. Stapleton and S. Trueman.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Yes, but, Mother, every time I clean up the room, I can't find anything for a week!"

EXCLUSIVE 'TELEGRAPH' FEATURE YOUR BIRTHDAY

THURSDAY, MAY 27

BORN today, you have a mercurial temperament which is likely to suffer many changes in tempo, day by day. If, however, you learn to curb your restlessness and harness your energy to some very definite goal, you may become outstandingly successful. There is a certain amount of genius in you but it needs strict disciplining by the exercise of your own will power.

You have a lot of energy to get what you want. Just make sure that you know what you want out of life and that the ideal you set before you is a worthy one. You are talented in the arts. In addition, you are skillful with your hands and might make an excellent surgeon, dentist, watchmaker or technician. In fact, your talents are apt to be so diversified that early in youth you must select your life work and bend every effort toward becoming

perfect in it. Concentration is of the utmost importance. Parents of children born on this day should know this and train their youngsters accordingly.

Competition is an especial spur to your efforts and the more keenly you have to work against others, the better the results will be. You are the type who is always best in an examination or in a test of strength with others. Consequently you will do well not to hide away in any ivory tower to do your work! Get out into the world where testing your strength against others will inspire you to do your best at all times. You are born a pioneer and you have to have an audience from which to secure your followers!

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—A good day for beginning a sea voyage if you have been contemplating one. Good prospects for an enjoyable weekend.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—A strong day for expansion and progressive activity. See that some important task is accomplished.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A good business day and one in which you should be able to make definite and profitable advances.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Continued yesterday's activities. See that they are concluded successfully and to your benefit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Protect your health by not overdoing when it comes to physical exertion. Let brain-power do the actual work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Make plans for the future, but postpone signing agreements or contracts until a better day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A good day, especially if your

business calls for your taking a trip. Merchandising and commercial travellers are favoured.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be progressive in your thinking and in your actions and you can make an important advance now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Continue yesterday's benefits during the morning hours. When afternoon comes, be tactful with others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Generally good for all activity but exert due caution if you need to travel. Be careful of your health, too.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Affairs both at home and at the office appear to be going along well just now. Make good progress.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Confidence in yourself and in your efforts can bring the desired success in some important project now.

A Trip to Beautiful Peru

By TEMPLE MANNING

LETTERS and cards from friends visiting Peru are all bright with enthusiastic reports about this scenic and archaeological wonderland. Our friends have been staying on a hacienda at Salaverry on the coast, a shipping point for the sugar produced at huge estates in the valley.

Not far from the port of Salaverry is beautiful Trujillo, and, of course, our postal from the place, depicted the gleaming white old Spanish Church in its setting of giant palms, a scenic gem.

Trujillo is an urbane, charming city, founded in 1535 by Pizarro, and given the name of his own birthplace. Many of the aristocratic and wealthy Peruvian families live there or have places there. As is usual in colonial Spanish towns, there is a central plaza. This is a park-like square around which during the evening, promenade the elite of the city. Radiating from it are fine thoroughfares flanked by modern hotels, clubs, theatres and other buildings.

In the residential sections, beautiful Spanish edifices with carved balconies and elaborate doorways reflect the wealth of those that dwell there. Yes, Trujillo in Peru is an eye-opener of the first order.

Fabulous Ruins

Almost within walking distance of the place are the fabulous ruins of Chan Chan, that strange city that for centuries has fascinated scientists and other scholars, and which, of late has become an important tourist objective. Chan Chan was once the capital of the Chimú Empire, which extended over 20 valleys from Lima in the south to the Tumbes valley in the north, an area of about 10,000 square miles.

The city, which originally covered about 11 square miles, was built entirely of adobe made from a mixture of clay and gravel. In spite of the perishable nature of the material that went into its construction, the city endured through countless centuries.

Even after the inhabitants had entirely vanished and the treasure seekers had done their stripping, many of the buildings and walls still endured. It was the rains and earthquakes of the 17th century that began to wash away the city, and a torrential downpour



A stone figure in the ruins of Chan Chan, Peru.

some 20 years ago that really reduced it to its present condition. During the "ruin era" the Chinese had developed an amazing system of irrigation; building long aqueducts to lead the water from the rivers, and huge reservoirs in which to store it. Some of these wells and facades remain, decorated in bold reliefs, that, strangely enough, are reminiscent of the Orient, especially Arabia.

Today tourists see broken galleries and passageways lined with the crumbling walls of what were once workshops and shops in which carried on their trades. There are fragments of temples, with touches of remarkable relief work. And there are some of the burial mounds, the mounds that lured the looters to Chan Chan. From one of these alone—Huaco de Toledo—the Spaniards removed gold worth about three million dollars, and that was only one of the countless treasure-filled store rooms.

In the Carco Herrera Museum in Lima is a fascinating treasure of remains and reconstructions of the life and work of the amazing Chimú, a people conquered some time in the 15th century by the Inca Pachacutec. Gold and silver ornaments testify that the Chimú knew how to smelt, weld and even plate these metals. There are mummies that reveal an amazing knowledge of dentistry and of surgery.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

WHAT can be done for these poor film-stars of Hollywood, for whom there is a campaign raging to make our flesh creep?

Who can read with dry eyes that Mr. Sinatra is down to his last yacht, that Miss Bergman has sacked four chauffeurs and three cooks that Miss Lana Turner has closed up eighty-two rooms in her house and auctioned her collection of Italian primitives, that Mr. James Mason is scrapping along on his five-minute broadcasts at £1,000 a time, that Miss Grable has countermanded an order for two swimming pools, and stripped the gold and platinum from the propellers of her private planes?

How long will it be before we hear that Messrs. Tyrone Power and Gary Cooper are living in one room, let to them by the week by Mr. Cary Grant, that Miss Carmen Miranda is selling bootlaces on Sunset Boulevard, and that Miss Rita Hayworth is mending her own shoes?

For sale

"Do you think," said Foulencough, "that this monumental mass of yours would buy back some of his stone?" "Not if it's bin mucked alant wiv," replied the gloomy Hirst. Foulencough winced. "Do you call sculpture mucking about with stone?" he asked. "Yus," said Hirst. "So do I judging by all this junk," said Foulencough. "But we can't sell these two huge lumps called 'Spring' and 'Summer'." "Why not break 'em up into little bits," asked Hirst, "and sell 'em to someone—what's makin' a path or a rock-garden?" "Would Praxiteles have done that?" "Oo?" "Ship it. Perhaps we could sell 'em to a quarry." "Paint 'em red and make 'em into garden seats," said Hirst. "You can't sell garden seats in an art gallery," said Foulencough. "Why not?" asked Hirst. "I forget, for the moment," said Foulencough.

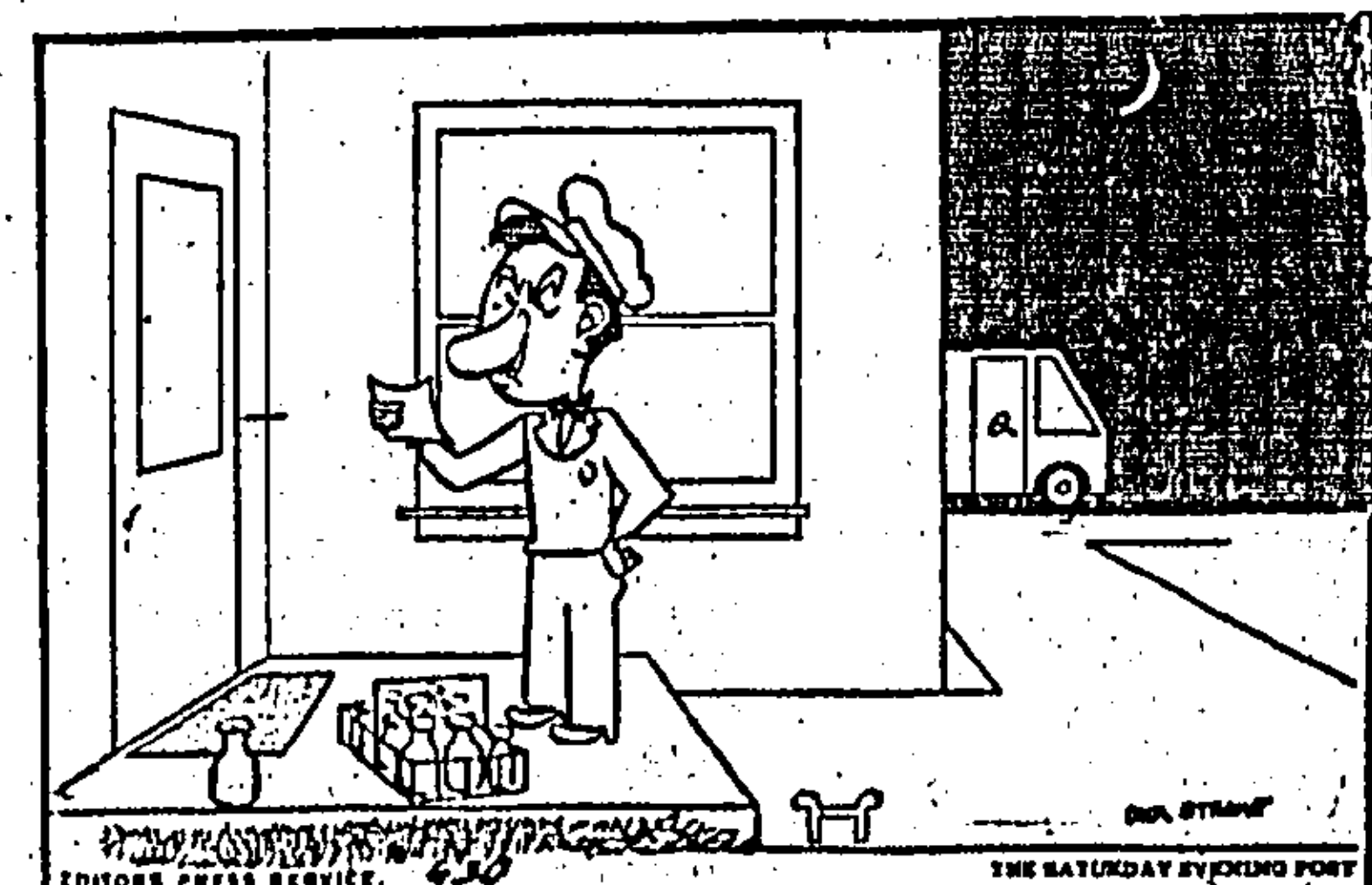
Serenade

Lean, love, from your casement.
As the dusk draws on apace
Oh, beetroot is no ruddier
Than your colossal face.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. For his work against yellow fever in Havana, Cuba and the establishment of sanitary conditions in the Panama Canal Zone. 2. Gold, silver, platinum and precious stones. 3. Vittorio Emanuele Orlando. 4. The Great Barrier Reef, off the northeastern coast of Australia. It extends for 1,200 miles and is still growing. 5. In central west Africa. 6. The Indian Ocean.



"I owe Mrs. Blitz a quart of milk and she owes me a pint of cream; so leave me a pint of cream and charge to her and leave her..."

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Malayan Tin Export Tax Attacked

Washington, May 26.—Senator Wayne Morse (Republican) today accused Britain of "taking unfair advantage" of the United States with an export tax on Malayan tin shipments. He commented at the Senate Armed Services Sub-Committee hearing.

HONGKONG SHARES

The Hongkong share market was quiet this morning, with a selling tendency predominating. Turnover was \$170,000.

Transactions and noon prices.

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	2115		
Union		705	10 @ 700
Underwriters	615		300
HK Fire			
DOCKS, ETC.			
Dock	2315		24
Provent			
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	1815	1825	500 @ 1815, 1000 @ 1825
HK Land			
HK Land	5	84	
Memories			
UTILITIES			
Tram	2215	2415	500 @ 2415, 100 @ 2415
Star Ferry	120		
C. Light (O)	2415	2415	100 @ 2415
C. Light (N)	2415	2415	100 @ 2415
Electric	4015	4015	100 @ 4015, 100 @ 4015
Telephone (O)	44		500 @ 4415, 500 @ 4415
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	4015	500 @ 4015, 500 @ 4015	
Rope			
SPINNING, ETC.			
Dairy (O)	63		
Watson (New)	3315		
Lane			
Crawford	54		
MISCELLANEOUS			
Entertainment	38		

Wall Street Buoyant

New York, May 26.—Favourable developments in the automobile industry bolstered stocks. Prices moved up fractions to more than a point in some specialties. Trading was moderately active.

Wall Street accepted the new wage agreement between General Motors and United Autoworkers C.I.O. favourably, and as a result investors apparently believe that a quick settlement will be reached in the Chrysler dispute.

Otherwise there was nothing in the news to influence traders with the exception of a few favourable corporate reports.

Most sections of the list took part in the upward move and the rise amounted to almost \$500,000,000 in market valuations. The upward movement also carried the industrial stock average to the best level since August 27, 1945.

Of 1,000 issues, 613 were higher, 213 lower, and 213 unchanged. Dow Jones averages at the close of day stood as follows:

30 Industrials 101.00
20 Rails 01.48
40 Bonds 100.24

—United Press.

Oil Shares In London Down

London, May 26.—The feeling that Britain had lost the initiative in the Middle East cast a shadow over the London Stock Exchange today, and led to a determined pressure against oil shares and other issues.

Anglo-Iranian Oil fell 5/- at 175/-, Burma Oil 1/3 at 70/- and Royal Dutch 1/8 at 24-1/8.

British Government issues, after easing received vigorous support in the last half hour of trading, and recovered virtually all losses.

Some industrial issues and chain stores suffered losses of 1/8, while there were numerous losses of sixpence.—United Press.

SUGAR CUT MADE BY U.S.

Washington, May 26.—In a surprise move the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reduced the national sugar consumption estimate for 1948 from 1,000,000 to 900,000 short tons.

Officials said immediately after the announcement, that Cuba would sustain about 95 percent—475,000 tons—of the cut-back.

Cuba's United States marketing quota will thereby drop from about 2,000,000 tons to about 2,400,000 tons. The action was taken to bolster sugar prices. It was the second reduction in the national sugar consumption estimate.—United Press.

FUTURES MARKET

New York, May 26.—World sugar futures closed one to three points lower on sales totalling six contracts.

Domestic sugar futures closed one to four points lower on sales totalling 160 contracts.

Prices closed as follows:—

Contract No. 4.

July (in cents per lb.) 425 nominal

September 425 bid

March (1949) 384 nominal

May 350 "

September 350 "

Spot (Domestic) 420

Spot (Domestic) 423

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local official exchange this morning at the following rates:

Chinese dollars (per CNM) 4.80

British notes (per £1) 14.25

U.S. dollars (per US\$) 5.48

Gold bars (per 100) 37.50

Pineapples (per 100) 10.50

NEI guilders (per 100) 12.70

Siam ticals (per 100) 23.70

—United Press.

N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

New York, May 26.—Foreign exchange closing rates today were:

Argentine Peso (Official)	US\$0.2071
Argentine Peso (Unofficial)	0.2225
Australia	1.23
Brazil	0.009
Belgium	0.0225
Canada	0.215/16
Chile	0.033
Colombia	0.034
France	0.033
India	0.022
Mexico	0.033
New Zealand	0.215/16
Peru	0.009
Portugal	0.044
South Africa	0.033
Sweden	0.033
Switzerland	0.033
Venezuela	0.033
Shanghai (CNY100,000)	2100
Netherlands	0.033
Batavia	0.033
Singapore	0.033
Hongkong	0.033

—United Press.

Firmer Trend In Rubber

New York, May 26.—Rubber futures closed 20 to 25 points higher on sales totalling 309 contracts.

The higher trend reflected the firmer trend in London and the dealer hedge lifting against the reported sales in the spot markets to factory interests.

The commodity exchanges reported that the production of crude natural rubber in Malayan Union states reached the postwar high of 66,408 long tons during April, which is an increase of 13.9 percent over March. The previous monthly high of 1948 was 61,989 long tons in January. The 1947 high was 64,322 in October.

Prices closed as follows:—

June (in cents per lb.)	22.25 nominal
July	21.50 nominal
August	21.20 nominal
September	21.70 nominal
October	21.20 nominal
November	21.50
December	21.40 bid
January (1949)	21.40 nominal
February	21.40
March	21.40
June	21.40
July	21.40
Spot	21.40

—United Press.

NO RETALIATION

London, May 26.—The Government today refused to boost the price of Malayan rubber to the United States in retaliation for an increase in the price of American tobacco.

Rupert de la Bère (Conservative) suggested in the Commons that the Government seek a higher price for Malayan rubber because Britain now must pay 3s. 2d. a pound for American tobacco compared with 1s. 14d. before the war. He said the rubber price was less than that charged in 1929.

Colonial Under-Secretary David Rees will announce for the Government that the rubber market was a free one and the Government did not control its prices.—United Press.

COTTON MARKET INFLUENCES

New York, May 26.—The market opened 15 points higher to two lower. After the opening, new crops drifted off to losses of eight to 10 points.

Pressure subsided below 33 1/2 cents for October. At this juncture, E.C.A. news on cotton export controls covering movement in a sold-out market. Prices then crept ahead perceptibly, finishing around the day's best levels and a net of 35 to 50 points higher.

Prices closed as follows:—

Spot (in cents per lb.) 30.00 nominal

July 30.20 nominal

October 30.20 nominal

December 30.20 nominal

March (1949) 30.20 nominal

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India Has Good Chance Of Avoiding Famine

London, May 26.—Sir John Boyd Orr, retiring Director General of the World Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, said today he believed Indian and Pakistan food production plans would avert famine in the sub-continent.

"Food production of those countries can be increased more rapidly than the population; providing the necessary fertilisers, equipment and technical assistance are available," he told Reuters.

India and Pakistan had a number of first-class scientists but the success of the plans depended on the rate at which the Governments could get materials to carry them out.

"The East has awakened," Sir John Boyd Orr said. "The people there are no longer apathetic and will no longer suffer a very low standard of life. But I do not think famine will come."

Since his recent return from America, Sir John Boyd Orr has predicted mass starvation unless there is conservation of the soil of the world's producing areas.

He has also stated that the world's population has increased by 150 million since 1938 and that it may increase by another 1,000 million in the lifetime of our children.

Commenting today on the increase, Sir John Boyd Orr said that "the increase is all over the world, but that one naturally thinks particularly of the Indian sub-continent."

THE SOLUTION

Asked if he could suggest measures to limit population, he replied: "Yes. The only way to do so is to bring about as rapidly as possible a rising standard of living and the education of the masses. That happened in Western Europe. In the first half of the 19th century the population increased from 140 million to over 500 million."

In the last 50 years, with the rise in the standard of living it began to fall—so much so that Commissions were set up to find out why.

"The people of Asia are no different from the people of Europe, and will follow the same course," Sir John Boyd Orr said, adding that the Indian and Pakistan delegates to the FAO had shown world-wide vision on the food question.

Sir John Boyd Orr is to suggest a British Commonwealth Conference on the food question. "I hope it will be a lead to the world," he said.

There were signs that individual Governments were becoming alive to the dangers and taking action. There were no new areas in the world that could easily be brought into cultivation but there were great areas where food could be produced by the expenditure of industrial products and energy, he said.

ERP LOAN FOR TURKEY

Washington, May 26.—The Economic Co-operation Administration informed the Turkish Government today it was prepared to open negotiations for a \$10 million loan to Turkey for the April-June quarter of the European Recovery Programme.

The offer of the loan to Turkey brought to \$283 million the total amount of the Marshall Plan funds earmarked for loan purposes in the first quarter of the programme.

Mr Paul Hoffman, the Chief Administrator, told the Turkish Government that if some of the loans they request should prove to be for long-term projects, "it may be appropriate to grant loans for a larger amount" than the amount now offered.

The Administration also announced the allocation of \$28,171,000 for the purchase of cotton under the Marshall Plan. These dollar allocations were for:

United Kingdom—\$400,000 for cotton, and \$300,000 for cotton lint;
Italy—\$20,400,000 for cotton;
France—\$6,800,000 for cotton;
Norway—\$400,000 for cotton.—Reuters.

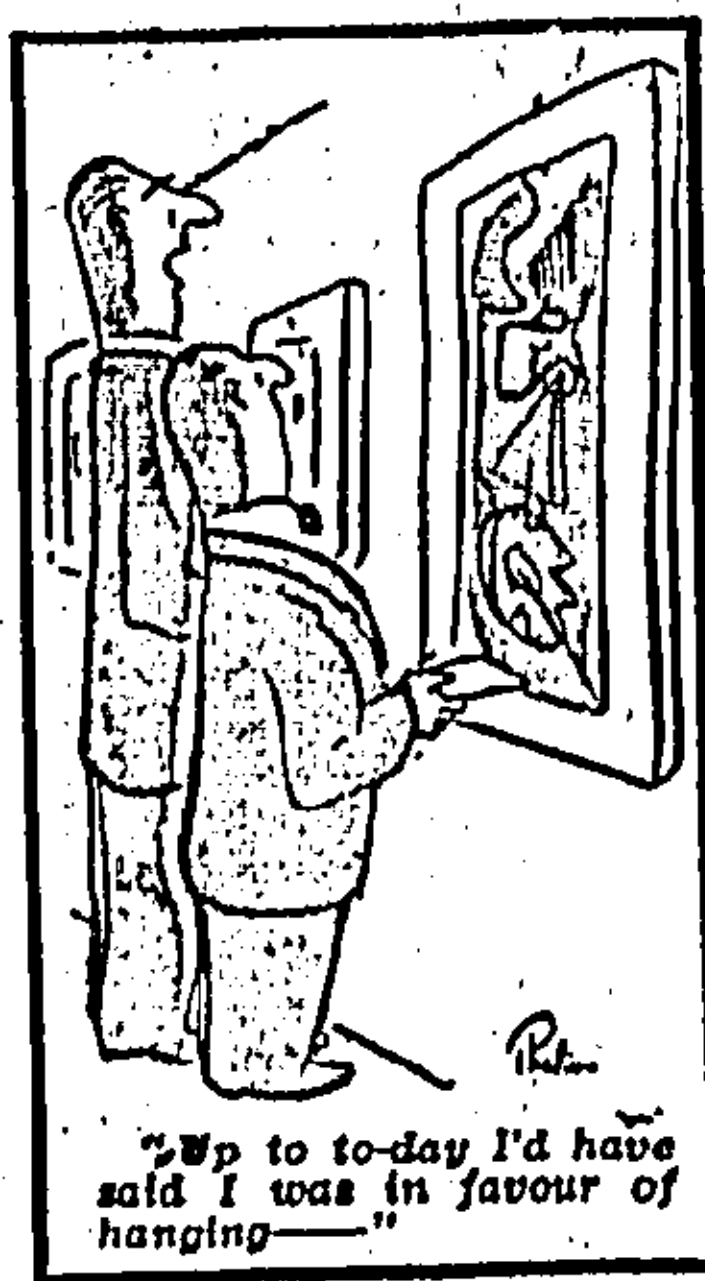
Commons' New Chamber

London, May 26.—The Speaker of the British House of Commons, Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown, today used a 100-year-old mallet to lay the foundation stone of the new Chamber erected on the site of that destroyed in a German air raid in 1941.

The mallet had been used in the building of the original House of Commons a century ago.

Mr Atlee said "Hitler may have thought that by destroying our Chamber he was delivering a blow against Democracy but the House is not a building, but a living fellowship renewed through the centuries, always in essence the same."

The new house is expected to be ready in 1950. Since 1941, the Commons have sat in the House of Lords, the Peers holding their sessions in the King's robing room.—Reuters.



ITALIAN GOVT'S PROBLEMS

FOREIGN TRADE BALANCE SAID TO BE THE TOUGHEST

Rome, May 26.—The problems confronting the Italian Government may call for other points of keener political interest but at least one—proposed legislation to restrict the use of strikes as a political weapon—is expected to be left alone for the present.

Almost all of Italy's financial worries are tied in with ERP with a state deficit of more than 300 billion lire for the fiscal year 1947-1948 and the Government has been seeking ways to raise a national income and cut expenses. A tax on private wealth is soon to be effected is counted on to bring in a large part of the new revenue.

Government sources said the unfavourable foreign trade balance was a tough problem. The ERP can help by giving Italian industry some of the raw materials it needs to boost production, but the Marshall plan will direct much of its aid to internal reconstruction.

With Communism ready to attack Government on almost every point, Premier de Gasperi was moving most cautiously in his agrarian reform programme.

COMMUNISTS' CHALLENGE

The Catholic Premier has accepted this as one of his biggest challenges in the fight to keep Communism out of power. With the Right Wing Socialists holding a large share of control in planning Italy's economic programme of agrarian and social rehabilitation of the poor south, it is assumed that the major importance is in the work of a moderate government.

Another suggested Government step is a political dynamite. This is a question of eliminating wartime ban on firing employees by any industry which has long been protested by businessmen on the ground that it imposes padded payrolls and prevents their postwar development. Industrialists say padded payrolls make their production costs high and thus hold exports down. Any Government step to give business a free hand in firing workers would be expected to touch off a violent union reaction under Communist direction.—United Press.

JUNE WEDDING FOR EX-KING

Lausanne, May 26.—Princess Anne of Bourbon Parma will have a June wedding, Major Bergotti ex-King Michael's friend and adviser, told the United Press today.

Major Bergotti said that the ex-King has definitely decided to marry during June. Anne will join him at the Hotel Beau Rivage at Lausanne on May 30. After her arrival the exact date and place will be decided.

At present Major Bergotti said that the family is still vacillating between Lausanne, Copenhagen and Athens. At any rate, Bergotti added that the newlyweds will spend their honeymoon in Switzerland and King Michael would probably choose Locarno or Ascona as there was good yachting and swimming to be had in both places.



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International Court To Give Ruling On United Nations Charter

The Hague, May 26.—The International Court of Justice will rule on Friday what conditions can be put on admitting any country to the United Nations.

The opinion of the 15-man court will be purely advisory. It arose from Russia's opposition to Italy and Eire and was requested formally by the United Nations General Assembly. It will be the Court's first ruling on the United Nations Charter.

While the decision will not be binding, it will carry great weight as the World Supreme Court's legal judgment on an urgent issue.

Last November the Assembly asked the Court's opinion on:

1. Whether a member legally could put conditions on admitting new members beyond conditions already in the Charter.

2. Whether a member could make its approval on the new admission subject to the admission of other states—as in the case of Russia, who insists that the Balkan nations be accepted if Italy is.

3. The legal status of the opposing state in case of lack of diplomatic relations with a country—for example, Russia and Eire.

PERTINENT ARTICLE

Article Four of the Charter reads: "First—membership in the United Nations is open to all other peace-loving states which accept the obligations contained in the present Charter and in the judgment of the Organisation is able and willing to carry out these obligations. Second—admission of any such state to membership in the United Nations will be effected by the decision of the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Security Council."

The Court's opinion will not be a broad interpretation of those clauses. It is believed, instead, to be a judicial ruling whether nations can go beyond those clauses in attaching conditions of membership such as specified by Assembly questions.

The International Court is the United Nations' continuation of the former permanent court established at the Hague and operative during the time of the League of Nations. Its first formal judgment since the second World War was in a dispute between Britain and Albania, in which it held the latter responsible for losses suffered when two British destroyers hit mines in the Corfu Channel.

MEMBERS OF THE COURT

Members of the Court are appointed by the Assembly and the Security Council for terms of nine years, with five members coming up for replacement or reappointment every three years.

Members of the Court include:

Dr. Hsu Mo (China), Professor Sergei Krylov (Russia), Badawi Pasha (Egypt), Professor Jules Basdevant (France), Sir Arnold MacNair (Britain), Dr. J. Azevedo (Brazil), Charles de Visscher (Belgium), Green Hackworth (United States), Alfaro Fabela (Mexico), John Read (Canada), Dr. Milovan Zoricic (Yugoslavia), Dr. Alejandro Alvarez (Chile), Professor K. Bally (Australia), Dr. Jose Gustavo Guerrero (San Salvador), Dr. Helge Klæstad (Norway).

Dr. Guerrero is President of the Court.—United Press.

South Africans Flock To Polls

Pretoria, South Africa, May 26.—South African voters turned out in apparently record numbers for today's General Election voting of the veteran Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts' United Party government.

Smuts' leaders expressed confidence that the 76-year-old Premier's policy of close Commonwealth collaboration with Britain and his moderate approach to South Africa's racial problem, would return him to power.

First returns are expected about 8 p.m. GARY Wednesday night, but conclusive totals are not expected before Thursday because of the scattered constituencies and apparently heavy poll.—Associated Press.

LORD REA DIES

London, May 26.—Lord Rea, 75-year-old merchant banker and Liberal whip in the House of Commons from 1931 to 1935, died today.

As Robert Russell Rea he served three different periods in the House of Commons for a total of 14 years. He was made a Peer 11 years ago.—Associated Press.

DEATH

WONG.—The management of the Amoy Canning Corporation, Hongkong, regrets to announce the death of Dr. F. S. Wong, chairman of the above-mentioned Co., on May 25, 1948 at his residence, No. 13, Leighton Hill Road, 1st floor. Deeply mourned by his widow, three sons and four daughters. The funeral will take place at 4 p.m. May 27th, starting from the Morrison Funeral Home, No. 6, Morrison Hill Road, Hongkong.

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